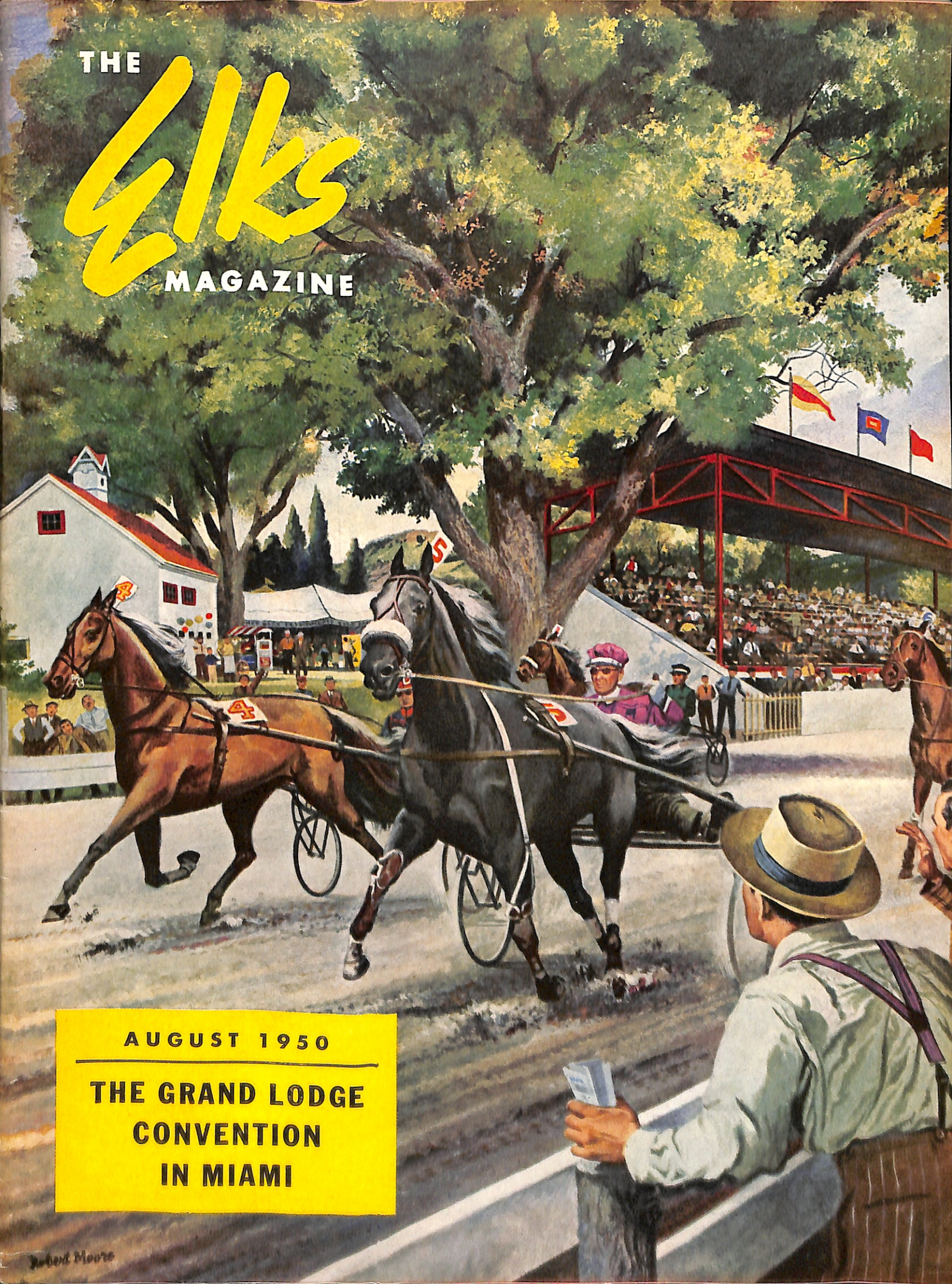


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A Letter from the PRESIDENT

To Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 27, 1950

Dear Brother Anderson:

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will have a full schedule of activities for its members when they meet in National Convention in Miami, Florida, during the week of July tenth.

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Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Emmett T. Anderson,
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What Our Readers

Have to Say



I was very much impressed with the cover on the June issue of *The Elks Magazine*. I am wondering if it would be possible to secure a copy that would be suitable for framing. If such a thing were available I would appreciate hearing from you.

Bill Durney, Traveling Secretary
St. Louis Browns

I received my June issue of *The Elks Magazine* with the article—"Miami—Magic City" by Dickson Hartwell. I would like to obtain permission for the Florida State Improvement Commission to reproduce the article in a booklet about Florida as a Convention State.

Walter E. Keyes

Tallahassee, Fla.

I have just seen the June issue of *The Elks Magazine* and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the staff. I think I have never seen a more comprehensive, and at the same time accurate in every detail, article than the one on Miami by Dickson Hartwell.

W. Scott Christopher

Miami, Fla.

JUNE COVER GOES TO BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

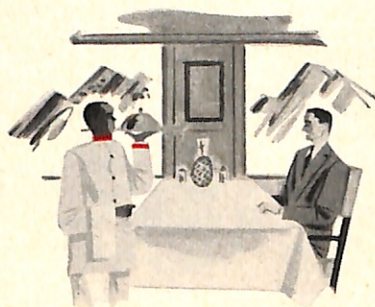


"We would very much like to have the original painting of your June cover which showed a small boy catching a ball hit into the grandstand. We would like to hang this cover in the National Baseball Hall Of Fame at Cooperstown, New York. More people will see it there, I am sure, than in any other place. It is truly a baseball picture and we know it will add to the pleasure of the people who come here." J. A. Robert Quinn, Director, National Baseball Hall of Fame.



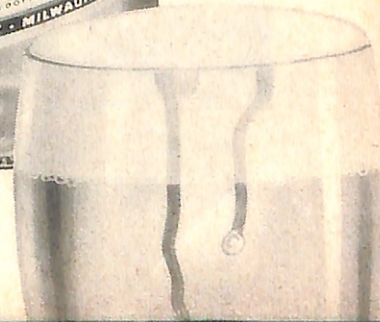
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BY BOB DEINDORFER

THE TROTTERS ARE BACK

Harness racing has rebounded as a multimillion-dollar sport.

A FLAT dirt track loops around a kite-shaped field of stiff sunburned hay stubble on the edge of a quaint little farming village in New York State's onion-growing country. Most of the year the dusty track and a rickety grandstand, looming gaunt against the sky, are nothing more than a barren sight off to the right of US Highway 6. On the second Wednesday of every August, 20,000 frenzied visitors awaken the sleepy little course by feeding fistfuls of folding money into the mouths of its mutuel betting machines and then whooping at their fleeting view of a dozen of America's 12,000 competitive horse-and-buggy teams gliding swiftly around the triangular track in a lathering chase for \$85,000 in prize money.

Compressed into little more than two minutes of actual racing once a year, the Hambletonian Classic at Goshen, N. Y.—harness racing's colorful Corn Tassel Derby—is a hot, noisy tribute to the popularity of a freshly-minted multimillion-dollar sport. The seasons have spun again to Hambletonian time. On

August 9th, goggled drivers hazardously perched on light, two-wheeled buggies will cluck and rattle their long-handled whips, and the horses harnessed in front of them, curried to a shiny silkiness, will raise dust clouds as they clatter around the dirt track.

Anyone who ever clutched a \$2-win ticket and pressed against the rail at Goshen has seen first-hand that the old gray mare ain't what she used to be—and it's about time, too. The assembly-line arrival of the Model T converted four-legged transportation into four-legged recreation on a glittering, nationwide basis. Nags plodding down the back roads toward the glue factory suddenly were turned around, slapped back into harness and hitched to buggies built to roll up small fortunes on tracks scattered all over the landscape.

Officially, the Hambletonian is nothing more than a traditional and prosperous test for fast, blooded, three-year-old trotters, as the Kentucky Derby is for thoroughbreds, and yet it has come to be regarded as the climax of a warm-weather

sport reaching into every corner of the country—a sport which has evolved from an informal pastime dating all the way back to Colonial times.

A native art form among hayshakers for centuries, buggy racing has come a long way since the quiet, peaceful, less forbidding era when farmers gathered outside the general store on Saturday afternoons and bet a jug of cider on one of their pet wagon-horses. The sport doesn't wear overalls any more. It is cloaked with big promotions, big crowds and big money.

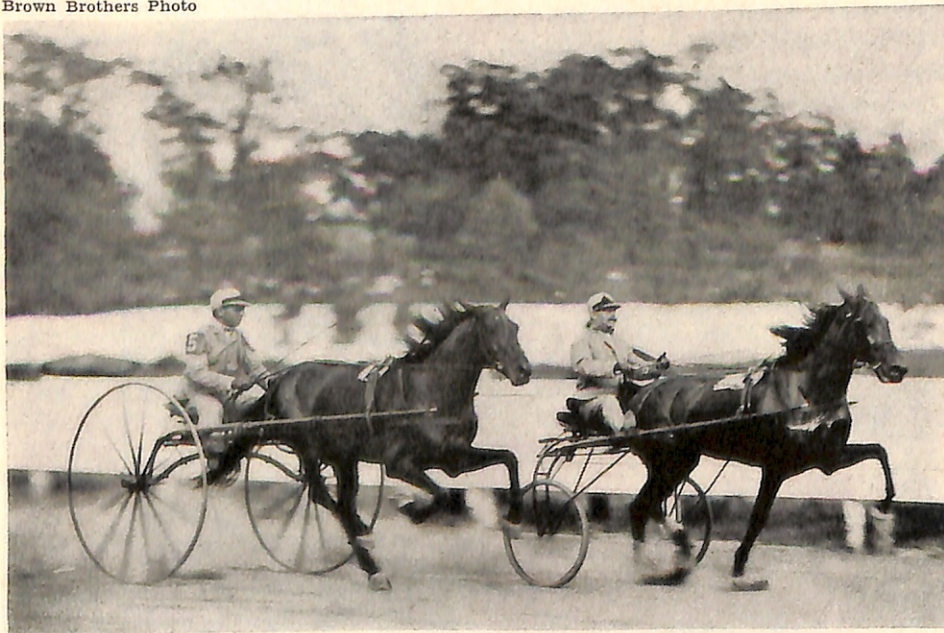
At the Roosevelt Raceway, 20 miles outside New York City on Long Island, vast bundles of currency were sorted, baled and hauled away by armored truck every evening last summer, and by the end of the meeting fans had wagered a total of \$95 million. Such brisk commerce suggested just what it usually does: a free-style fight for any loose change in the vicinity. Rival interests bought up the old Empire thoroughbred track in Yonkers and altered it for harness racing with an eye on the New York market and it, too, drew big crowds nightly during its inaugural meeting this spring.

The unmistakable stamp of big business also dwells inside the infield rail, where the horses trot for purses. At the fair grounds in DuQuoin, Ill., a two-year-old was awarded \$20,000 merely for towing a light buggy one winning mile, and a three-year-old won twice that amount in Delaware, Ohio, for traveling the same rich route. It is small wonder that thoroughbred-racing fans who at one time snubbed harness horses as "jugheads" have conceded that, while they may have certain artistic deficiencies, these jugheads maintain comfortable bank balances.

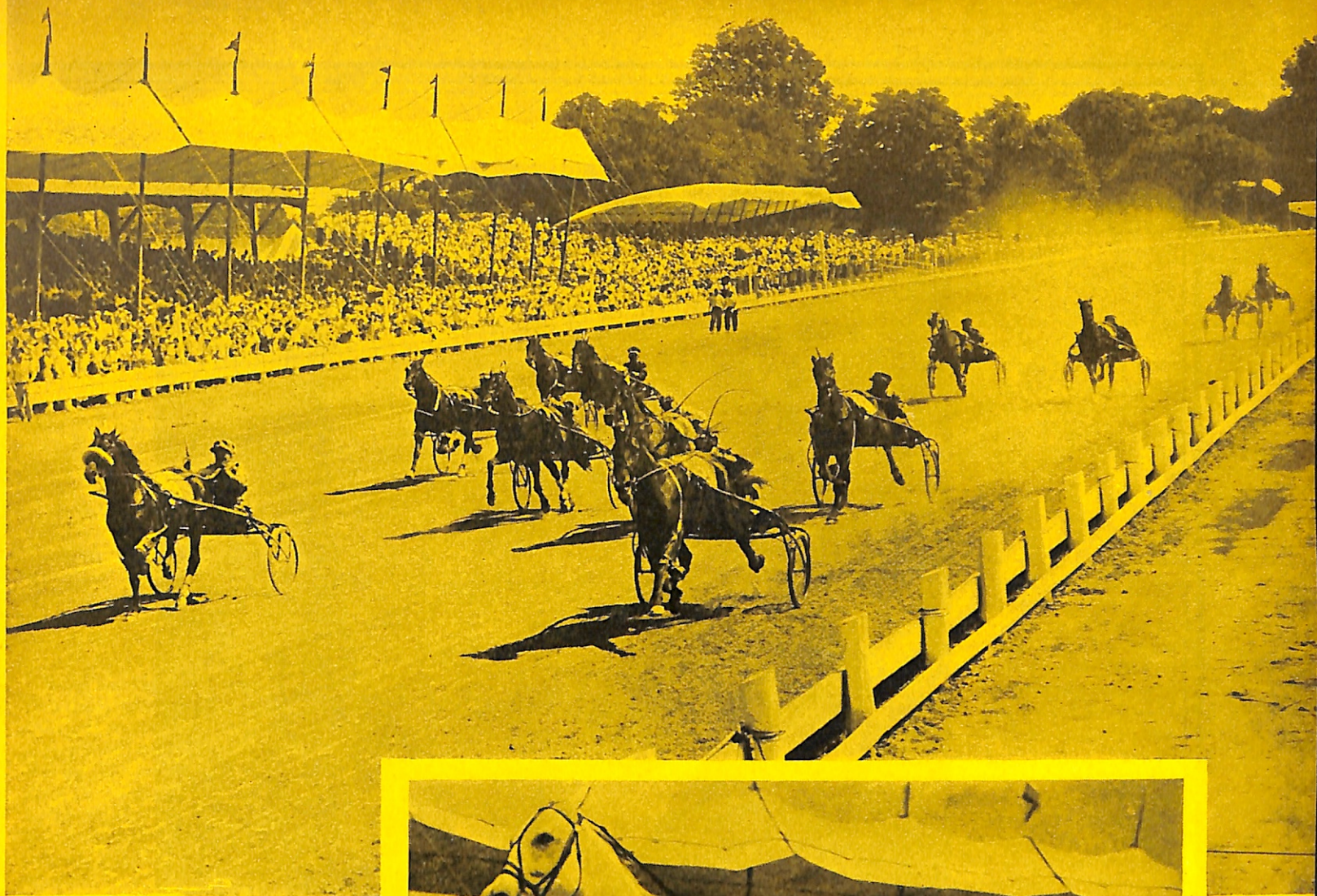
The harness-horse racing and breeding industry is like almost everything else these days. Since an initial investment must be made before the profits start rolling in, prospective shoppers at any of the annual yearling sales have good reason for their plump appearance. They're wearing loaded money belts. At one sale in Harrisburg, Pa., last spring,

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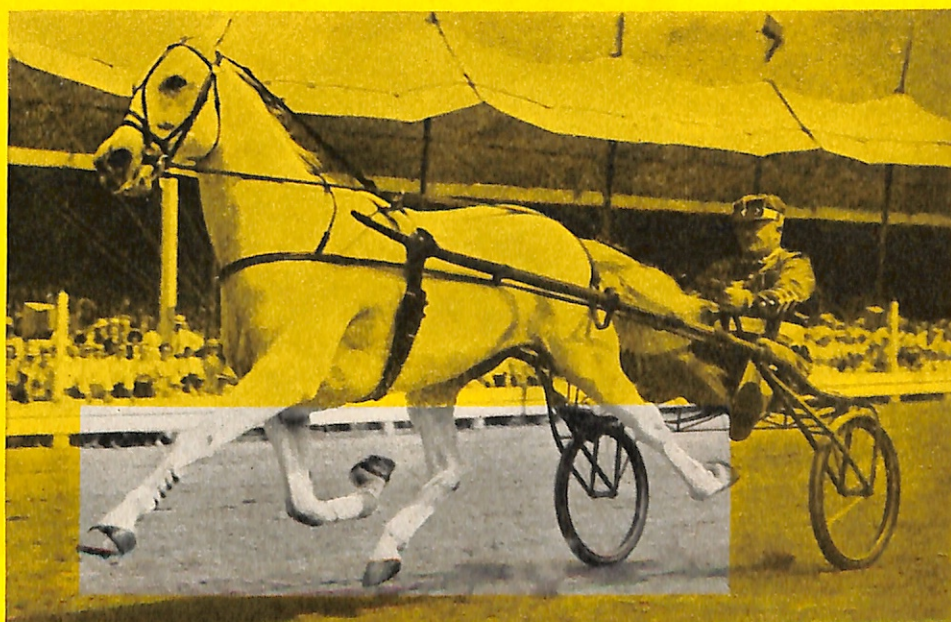
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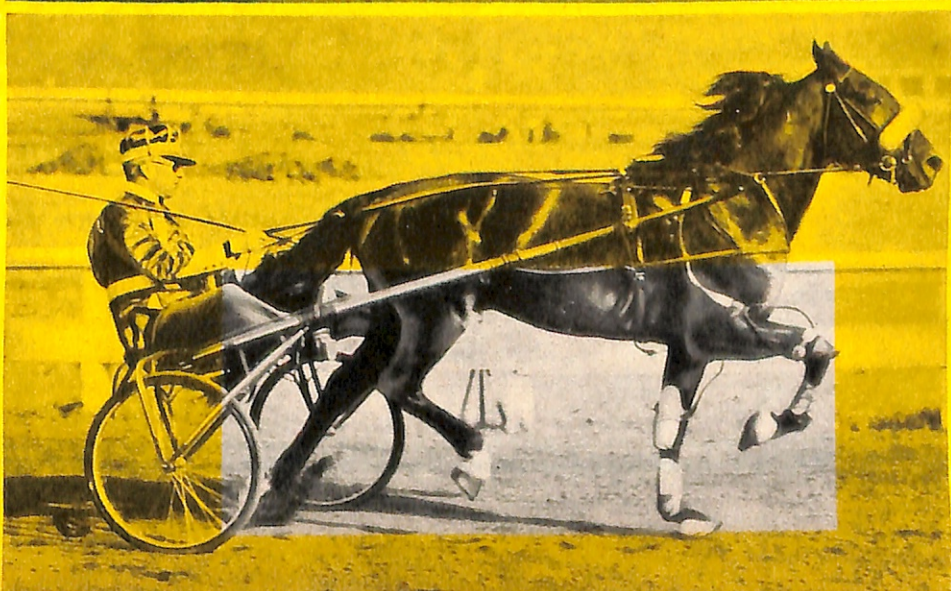
The undefeated trotter Nancy Hanks, first to beat 2:05, in this historic photograph is harnessed to one of the old high-wheel sulkies. Her running mate at right pulls the revolutionary bike sulky introduced in 1892.



Above: Miss Tilly, on the rail, driven by Fred Egan, takes the first heat of the 24th running of the Hambletonian at Goshen last August. She then won the second heat of the race, thus taking the highest honor a trotter can win.



Right: The two current light-harness record holders pictorially answer a perennial question, "What's the difference between a trotter and a pacer?" Note that the two diagonally related limbs of the trotter Greyhound, above, move in unison. In other words, the right rear and the front left hooves strike the turf at approximately the same time. But the pacing champion, Billy Direct, below, is moving the limbs on the same side of his body in unison. In general, the pace is considered a more artificial gait than the trot, as is partially indicated by the fact that Billy Direct is wearing leather hobbles for control, affording him less freedom.





Joseph B. Kyle

*of Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152,
elected Grand Exalted Ruler at
the Grand Lodge Convention in
Miami, Florida, July 10, 1950*

THE SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE

UPON an occasion such as this, it is difficult to express one's feelings adequately.

The late James Whitcomb Riley, our Hoosier poet, once said, "Words will not walk as I want them to."

Only if the heart, rather than the lips, could speak, would it be possible for me to say the things I feel. Of course, I am as deeply thankful as I am pleased. From a grateful heart, with a prayer to Almighty God that I may prove true to the trust you have reposed in me, I proudly accept the position of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

John Ruskin said: "I believe the test of a truly great man is in his humility. I do not mean by humility doubt of his own power. But truly great men have a feeling that greatness is not in them but through them and they see something divine in every other man and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful."

I subscribe to that thought at this very moment.

I enter this year of service deeply conscious of its challenge and anxious to meet it.

To my illustrious predecessor, Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, for whom I have the greatest admiration and respect, whose administration has been most outstanding and successful, I extend my grateful thanks for the kindness he has shown me during the past few months in making my path smoother. All Elkdom is indebted to him for the immeasurable contributions he has made to the advancement of our Order.

To my Indiana Brothers, "Tommy" Thompson, Judge Paul Jasper and Dewey Leever, and to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Grakelow, all my close personal friends and associates in Elkdom over a quarter of a century, who paid such glowing tributes to me for my service to our Order in community, state and nation, I am deeply appreciative of their kind and generous thoughts so eloquently expressed.

To the members of my own lodge, Gary, Ind., No. 1152, and to the members of all 66 lodges of Indiana, I am most indebted. They have stood steadfastly behind me on every occasion when I have been called into the service of Elkdom. It is cheering to me to know that they

have traveled in such great numbers all the way to Miami to honor me upon this occasion.

To Brother "Bob" Scott, Superintendent of the Elks National Home; to Brother Clyde Hunter, Senior Past Exalted Ruler of Gary Lodge; to Brother "Bob" DeHority, Past State President of the Indiana State Elks Association, and to Brother John MacLennon, Past Exalted Ruler of Gary Lodge, and Past District Deputy, I owe special thanks and praise for the contributions they have made to my success.

Indiana has been honored previously with two Grand Exalted Rulerships. Brother William E. English was Grand Exalted Ruler in 1886-87 and Brother Joseph T. Fanning in 1903-1904. Both were members of Indianapolis Lodge No. 13. They were great leaders. They performed outstanding service for the Order.

In paying posthumous tribute to them, I use the words of Indiana's only President, the late Benjamin Harrison, who said:

"Great lives do not go out. They go on."

UPON the passing of Brother Fanning, another proven leader and kindly Elk became counselor and advisor for Indiana. I refer to Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Secretary J. Edgar Masters. I know I am speaking the mind of every Elk in Indiana, as well as voicing my own personal feelings, in saying that Brother Masters has filled the place left vacant by Brother Fanning with great satisfaction to all.

Especially am I appreciative of the association you have voted me with this distinguished company of Past Grand Exalted Rulers who are here with me on this platform. They are men noted for service to their local community and to their country; men who have kept the faith and maintained their interest in our Order; men who make up the greatest advisory body any fraternal organization has ever enjoyed.

I love, honor and respect every one of them and shall profit by their good example. I will lean heavily on them for counsel and advice during the succeeding twelve months.

There is one of this group who, to me, stands out preeminently great, not alone for his sincere friendship to me, which I

cherish; not because of the many opportunities he has given me to serve the Grand Lodge in states under his jurisdiction, but more especially because of his sterling character and kindly nature, his excellent and frank counsel, and his great desire to encourage and advance the younger men in the Order. Happy am I to have him here today with me on this platform. He is Chairman of the most important Grand Lodge Commission. To this Brother Elk to whom I owe so much, to Bruce A. Campbell, of East St. Louis Lodge, No. 664, I pay tribute.

I am happily aware of the deservedly growing popularity of our *Elks Magazine* among our members—and with advertisers—under the general managership of that devoted Elk, James R. Nicholson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler. The recently established Public Relations Department, under his guidance, is serving our Order.

To my Brother Elks from all over the United States and our possessions, I express my deep appreciation for their kind and generous thoughts in my behalf.

My Brothers, having reached a membership of over a million, Elkdom has reached a new era of greater opportunity to devote our strength to greater service to our fellow men.

It is one of the reasons why the leading men all over America have joined our Order and swelled our membership over the million mark, but that is not the real reason. I think the real reason is our dedication to our four cardinal principles—Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, to which we give, every day, concrete manifestation in literally hundreds of programs of Community service, in a spirit of Brotherhood under God. Elks are doers for others. That is what attracts men to Elkdom and wins their everlasting devotion.

And now, as we enter this New Era, I appeal to every Elk, every lodge, every State Association, to make this year ahead of us one of outstanding community service. That is my program. That will be the keynote of my year as your leader.

When we combine 1,568 Elk Lodges over the United States of America, we have a network of groups of eager, willing, enthusiastic, able and patriotic American citizens who are constantly working, working intelligently, constructively, to defend and enlarge upon the real American

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Talking things over at Fargo, N. D., Lodge, are, left to right, Sam Stern, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Mr. Anderson, D.D. Clarence D. Locklin, and State Assn. Pres. T. E. George.

The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits



The Order's genial leader greets the thousands of Oregonians watching the parade held during the Oregon State Convention in Corvallis. Riding with Mr. Anderson is P.E.R. E. N. Butler.

GRAND EXALTED RULER Emmett T. Anderson was greeted by over 350 Elks on May 24, when he visited **SAGINAW, MICH., LODGE NO. 47**. Benjamin F. Watson, a member of the Grand Forum, Joseph M. Leonard, a member of the Lodge Activities Committee, D.D.'s S. Glen Converse, W. Owen Kline and H. J. Kroll, and John K. Burch, a former member of the Board of Grand Trustees were among the many visitors.

Two days later, at **FARGO, N. D., LODGE, NO. 260**, E.R. H. W. Erpelding welcomed the Order's leader and 550 other Elks at a banquet.

On June 9, with Corvallis Lodge as host, 2,000 delegates to the **OREGON ELKS ASSN.** Convention heard the Order's leader speak on a program in which he was joined by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the Lodge Activities Committee, Clifton B. Mudd of the same Committee, Secretary of State Earl Newbry, P.D.D., and D.D.'s Charles Howard, Austin Dunn and Howard Lowd.

Back in his home State of Washington, the Grand Exalted Ruler received a tremendous ovation in Olympia at the three-day meeting of his State Assn. at which nearly 2,500 Elks and their ladies were present. Among the distinguished Elks on hand were Mr. Alexander, and D.D.'s Herbert Odlund, James Dewar and H. S. Holmes. All but two of the State's 33 lodges were represented. The Order's No. 1 Elk was the principal speaker at the final meeting on the 10th, his address being broadcast, and transcribed for later transmission. Another speaker was State Supreme Court Justice George B. Simpson who installed the Assn.'s new officers.

The Grand Exalted Ruler, accompanied by Mr. Alexander, Past State Pres. V. P. McNamara, and two officials of his own lodge, his son, Lect. Knight Burritt B. Anderson, and C. J. Weller, Chairman of the Visitation Committee, visited **PORT TOWNSEND, WASH., LODGE, NO. 317**, and enjoyed luncheon with about 100 members in their remodeled lodge home.

Another Washington lodge to receive a visit from the retiring leader was **PORT ANGELES (NAVAL) NO. 353**, when Mr. Anderson and Mr. Alexander attended a banquet for 625 guests, and took part in the lodge's "Wake Up, America" Program, during which Mr. Alexander presented American Flags to new citizens and Mr. Anderson presented State Elks Scholarships to three young ladies.

Mr. Alexander was Toastmaster at a banquet on the 17th at which **ANACORTES LODGE NO. 1204** was host to 200 persons, including Mr. Anderson and his son, and Mr. McNamara and Mr. Weller. This was the first official visit ever paid No. 1204 by a Grand Exalted Ruler.

In Oregon again on the 22nd and 23rd, Mr. Anderson was joined by Judge Lonergan, D.D. Charles Howard, Mr. Mudd, Past Pres. McNamara and 350 others at **SALEM LODGE NO. 336**.

The following day, 500 Elks of **TILLA-**

MOOK, ORE., LODGE NO. 1437, welcomed Mr. Anderson, Judge Lonergan and D.D. Howard at a banquet at which E.R. Vern Tinnerstet was Toastmaster. Members were on hand from six other lodges, and Portland sent its talented band. Mr. Anderson's visit included an inspection tour of the new hospital toward which the Elks have contributed so much.

After winding up his affairs in the Northwest section of our great country, Mr. Anderson traveled diagonally across it to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Miami, Fla., where he surrendered his gavel to Joseph B. Kyle, of Gary, Ind.



At the dedication of Hamilton, Mont., Lodge's magnificent new \$225,000 home, seated left to right: P.D.D.'s P. E. McBride and C. A. Nyman, D.D. Thomas Meager, Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson, P.D.D.'s O. O. Lympus and L. P. Schmid. Standing P.D.D. C. E. Johnson, D. D. Max B. Cebulla, P.E.R. J. E. Coulter, in charge of arrangements, P.D.D. R. A. Penhale, Wash. State Pres. V. P. McNamara, E.R. R. C. Johnston, State Pres. W. L. Hill, P.D.D.'s George Hackett and Archie McTaggart, and Past Grand Est. Lecturing Knight Frank R. Venable.

Greeting Mr. Anderson at Saginaw, Mich., left to right: Millionth Member Raymond Cole, D.D. S. Glen Converse, Mayor Edwin Koepke, Lodge Activities Committeeman Joseph M. Leonard and Exalted Ruler Herbert M. Sargent.

President Truman Thanks Elks For Korean Support

Immediately upon learning of President Truman's decision to act on behalf of the United Nations by sending troops and equipment to Korea to aid the southern Koreans in turning back the communist aggressors from the north, Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson sent the following telegram to the President.

I PRAY TO GOD THAT PEACE WILL REWARD AMERICA'S BOLD STAND FOR DECENCY AMONG NATIONS BUT COME WHAT MAY I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE MILLION MEMBERS OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE USA SUPPORT YOUR SWIFT AND COURAGEOUS ACTION TO HALT COMMUNIST INVASION OF SOUTHERN KOREA. IT GIVES MEANING AND STRENGTH TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND CANNOT FAIL TO INSPIRE FREE MEN EVERYWHERE. THE WORLD CAN BE GRATEFUL THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR, TO WHOM YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED THIS COMMAND, HAS THE FIRMNESS AND ABILITY SO SORELY NEEDED IN THIS FATEFUL HOUR. WE ARE AT

YOUR COMMAND TO SERVE WHEREVER NEEDED.

That Mr. Truman was grateful for this promise of the staunch support of the loyal Americans who are members of his own Fraternity was evidenced in his prompt reply to the Order's 1949-50 leader:

Your telegram of June 28, on behalf of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, expressing approval of our aid to the Republic of Korea, is deeply appreciated. It helps tremendously to know that you and the entire membership stand ready for any service as we go forward with our determination to champion liberty wherever the tyranny of communism is the aggressor. I am grateful to all of you for your loyal support. This certainly means a lot to me.

This message was received by Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson in Miami during the Grand Lodge Convention. Attesting to the fact that the Order is actively behind the Government in this crisis, is the decision made by the more than 2000 delegates to the Grand Lodge Convention with regard to giving financial assistance to our Country in the event of a war emergency. The full story on this important step appears on page 21 of this issue.

ROD AND GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND



IF YOU should ever go to Mexico fishing, don't be in a hurry. There are two good reasons: speed is a distasteful subject in that area; and, more important, the fishing may be too good to pass over lightly. The one and only time I fished down that way I was in a hurry, and I still regret it.

It was back before the war when I was fishing editor on a sporting magazine, a good job except that it was mostly editing and not enough fishing. At least I did have all year in which to make up my mind where to go, and I spent each day reading manuscripts of the biggest lies fishermen could tell about their favorite spots. One of the best story-tellers was a fellow named Hart Stilwell down in Brownsville, Texas. I had always been vulnerable to his brand of talk. Finally he told one story too many: a vivid account of taking giant sea trout on a plug down at Eighth Pass, Mexico, a narrow cut in the ribbon-like strip of sand that separates the Gulf of Mexico from a small inland sea along Mexico's east coast known as the Laguna Madre. I sat right down and wrote Hart Stilwell I had to see that one.

Photo by Dan Holland

When he gave me the word to come, it was late August. It allowed me ten days in which to fly down, fish and fly back to New York. That seemed like a lot of time to someone who had been crowding his fishing into weekends. It was hot even in New York when I left, and hotter in Brownsville and hottest on the flat sands of Eighth Pass. There was no shade on the sand spit where we made camp. In fact, there wasn't a blade or leaf of vegetation of any description in sight—nothing but sand, with the Laguna Madre stretching over the horizon to the west and the blue Gulf extending endlessly to the east. Above and all around was solid blue sky, and the blistering sun.

THE spit of land between the Gulf and the Laguna is low and the water is shallow. There's but a few feet difference in altitude between the land where we camped and the bottom of the Laguna where the crabs and skates make their home: the land is a foot or two above sea level and the bottom of the Laguna is two or three feet below sea level. This gives the fisherman an enormous amount of freedom in where he fishes and how he casts. He merely wades out into the Laguna, with the water lapping around his thighs or waist, and casts in any direction he pleases. He can wade as far as he wants, as long as the day lasts. The

sand spit behind him soon disappears from view and his guide is the tent at camp which appears to be pitched in the center of an endless sea.

Hart had arranged with some Mexican commercial fishermen to transport the gang of us. Several other passes had to be crossed enroute to Eighth Pass, and this was accomplished by ferrying the fish truck across on wooden barges kept there for the purpose. In return for their trouble, we gave the fishermen the salable fish we caught: the robalo, redfish and sea trout. The Mexicans transported their fish back to market in the truck and also in a cub plane which could be landed almost anywhere on the flat sand spit.

We hadn't been fishing an hour when it was obvious to me that Hart Stilwell hadn't been telling the truth in his stories about the fishing at Eighth Pass. He never indicated it was that good. It was the fastest fishing I've ever seen—up until that day, or since. As fast as it was, I was surprised at the end of the day to discover that the five of us had taken more fish on tackle than had the Mexicans with their nets. That made everybody happy: to us, catching fish was fun; to the Mexicans, it was work. Instead of doubling their efforts and making a big killing by combining our catch with theirs, they relaxed. Enough was enough. We gave them more fish than they normally caught, so why wish for more? Instead they increased their siesta through the greater part of the day and played the guitar and sang by night. How could a man ask more of life than that? Eventually one of them drove the fish truck off the end of the ferry-barge, and that relieved them of all necessity of catching and transporting fish.

Robalo, known farther east on the Gulf Coast as snook; redfish, known along the Atlantic coast as channel bass, and sea trout, sometimes called spotted weakfish, made up the majority of the fish we caught. In the shallow water of the Laguna, the fish were unable to sound and so were unusually racy and spectacular. The robalo was the best

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Eighth Pass, Mexico, is a narrow cut in the strip of land that separates the Gulf of Mexico from Laguna Madre.



BY TOM WRIGLEY

WRIGLEY WRITES

FROM WASHINGTON



OUR nation, backstop of democratic government throughout the world, must use the best science and skill of American experts to develop super weapons for national security. Some of them, perhaps almost all, are top secret, but this we can say: New tanks and anti-aircraft weapons of radical design will be in production in two years. What we call "light tanks" nowadays weigh only 28 tons—but do they pack a punch! What a "heavy tank" weighs now we don't know. Our new missiles will track down an enemy plane and knock it down with about the same accuracy that a skeet shooter picks off a target. Beyond all this, however, is the dream of the experts to develop guided missiles. These weapons will carry small atomic bombs which will splatter their target with a deadly spray, but bear this in mind—the atomic bomb is a weapon which must be dropped on the enemy target. If we do not have the planes, with protection to drop the bomb, it is a dead duck. But if we have a self-propelled missile, a rocket or a buzz plane moving under its own power and carrying an atomic bomb which can be guided to its target by the magic rays of radio and radar, we double the punch of the A bomb. That's only part of the planning. We also have new defense weapons. The old bazooka has been revamped until it will be a deadly weapon against invasion. With all of these defense weapons, plus the power of offensive air attack, it is believed our Western Allies and this nation will be able to forestall attack until we are able to throw our vast resources into high gear. So don't sell America short.

BUSINESS BAROMETER

Steel, America's industrial giant, rises to new heights. Much of the progress of this nation to become the greatest in the world can be traced to the development of steel processes during the past 30 years. At times we forget the part steel plays in our prosperity—from girders to rails and from tin cans to razor blades. Good news—steel production still is running high. In fact, the Society of Busi-

ness Magazine Editors tells us that, with automobiles, steel and construction booming, leading editors "overwhelmingly assess as good the outlook for business for the balance of 1950." Here's their prediction boiled down: Present boom in industrial lines may soften the latter part of this year. But chances are that chemical production will reach new peaks in the last half of 1950. Metal working industry, especially steel, is in the midst of a boomlet. No signs of a falling off. Automobile production continues at a record rate.

OUR WATCHMAKER PROBLEM

A foreign-made watch so thin it can be slipped between the teeth of a comb was displayed here recently. At the same time came warning that, unless the American watch-making industry can be protected against Swiss importations, this nation may find itself in serious trouble in the event of war. Only two American watch companies now make jeweled movements. All the rest have folded because of foreign competition. It is said that labor rates for Swiss watchmakers are as much as 60 per cent below those for American workmen. Result: importations of Swiss jeweled movements increased from 3,267,000 in 1940 (before the war) to 9,039,000 in 1946. American watchmakers have asked the committee for Reciprocity Information to hike import tariffs. They say it takes about six years for an expert watchmaker to learn his trade. If war comes we might be unable to get imported ship chronometers, navigation watches, stop watches and other precision devices such as anti-aircraft fuses and guided missile parts. An expert watchmaker can assemble 116 parts in a movement so small that it can be hidden under a dime. Are American watchmakers going to go the way of the passenger pigeon?

HEROES SIDE BY SIDE

It is good to know our unknown soldiers of World War I and World War II are to sleep the "bivouac of the dead" in Arlington National Cemetery side by side. About the middle of August bids are to be called for and a contract will be let in October for alterations to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier which so many millions of patriotic Americans have visited. It will be a transformation worthy of our soldier dead, for the esti-

mate of the work is around \$350,000. Here's what will be done. Just west of the present tomb an opening will be made this fall which will permit access to the concrete burial vault under the present Memorial. An opening in the black marble will permit the heavy casket of the World War II unknown to be lowered into the shaft. On Memorial Day next year, May 30, 1951, impressive interment ceremonies will be held. On that day the Unknown Soldier of World War I will have a companion, and after the two caskets are placed side by side the shaft will be sealed. Marble slabs will be placed on the face of each of the two underground vaults. They will read "World War I Unknown, Interred 11 November, 1921" and "World War II Unknown, Interred 30 May, 1951." The inscription on the tomb will be changed from, "Here Rests In Honored Glory An American Soldier Known But To God", to "Here Known Only To God Rest In Honored Glory Members of the American Armed Forces Of the World Wars." Permanent sentry boxes will be built near the tomb where the soldiers of nearby Fort Myer march back and forth day after day. Could be one or both of our unknown soldiers were Elks. Let us think of that when we stand there in reverence.

SHOO FLY

Entomologists and other experts in the Agriculture Department are stumped over a new way to get rid of flies. It comes from Richmond, Va. Down there they put dabs of cotton on screen doors. The flies go away. Why? Scientists don't know and neither does anybody else. It seems that last summer a Richmond housewife told a hot-water heater repair man that the pesky flies around her house were something awful. The repairman said she should put a few dabs of cotton on the screen doors and she could throw her fly swatter away. She tried it and it worked. This summer Richmond screen doors look like a snow storm hit 'em out of season. They're all dabbed with cotton. Scientists are still skeptical. Cotton doesn't kill flies. If it did the price would be sky high. Science admits, however, that bugs are allergic to colors. For instance, when you put out poison seeds to kill rodents you always use yellow. Birds won't eat the poison seeds if they are in a yellow dish. So the flies, maybe, don't like white.

The State Associations



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, standing fourth from left, presents the "revolving" Ritualistic Trophy he donated to the Nevada Elks several years ago, to P.E.R. T. H. Wines and his teammates of Elko Lodge, the 1950 Nevada State Elks Ritualistic Champions. Seated is the Michael F. Shannon Class of candidates initiated by the Elko Team. One of these new Elks is an advertising representative of this Magazine, Paul R. Fish, second from right.

NEVADA

One of the most successful meetings of the Nevada State Elks Assn. took place on May 25, 26 and 27 in Boulder City, at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon was a special guest.

A close Ritualistic Contest was participated in by Las Vegas, Reno, Ely, Hawthorne, Boulder City and Elko Lodges, with the Elko group taking first place and winning the Michael F. Shannon revolving trophy for the second time. The trophy must be won three times for permanent possession; Reno Lodge also has two legs on it, taking second honors this year; Las Vegas Lodge won third place. Individual trophies went to four Elko men, two Reno entrants and one Boulder City Elk. The winning Team then initiated in Past Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon's honor a class of ten men. Both Past Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon and D.D. V. Gray Gubler delivered interesting and appropriate addresses. Mr. Shannon was amazed to learn that in Boulder City, one man in every 19 citizens is a member of the Order.

During this meeting, at which the Association's main project was discussed—the financing and building of a crippled children's hospital—it was decided that the 1951 Convention would be held in

Hawthorne. The following were elected: Pres., Fred W. Smith, Hawthorne; Vice-Pres., Antone Harrison, Ely; Secy.-Treas., L. P. Davis, Boulder City; Trustees: Taylor H. Wines, Elko (three years); O. K. Adcock, Las Vegas (two years), and A. J. O'Connor, Ely (one year); Sgt.-at-Arms, Adolph Lipparelli, Elko; Tiler, J. M. Billings, Hawthorne.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Huron was the location of the 1950 meeting of the South Dakota Elks Assn. on May 28 and 29. A total registration of 765 Elks included Grand Treas. Joseph B. Kyle, who was the principal speaker at the open meeting, and 23 members from out of the State.

Reports of various committees revealed the tremendous effort these Elks have put forth to entertain convalescent servicemen, as well as the fine charity program, through which so many hospitals have received assistance. This Assn. has maintained a "Flag in Every School" Committee for three years and through its efforts there is not one school in the State without our national emblem. At this meeting a resolution was passed calling for a committee of eleven men, one from each lodge, who are to carry the message

of patriotism to all corners of the State, teaching children the meaning of our Way of Life.

In the Ritualistic competition, Watertown Lodge took the lead from the Yankton and Deadwood groups. Rapid City took top honors in the Trap Shoot and Brookings ran away with the Golf Tournament. Until June 3 and 4 of 1951, when Hot Springs Lodge will be host to the Annual Convention, the following men will handle Association matters: Pres., Wescott G. Smith, Yankton; Vice-Presidents: A. A. Fahy, Aberdeen; Lloyd Nuber, Watertown; Max Richmond, Sioux Falls, and Dr. S. G. Bailey, Hot Springs; Secy., Ross E. Case, Watertown; Treas., M. M. Korte, Aberdeen; Trustees: Ted Byrne, Deadwood; Martin Cogley, Sioux Falls; J. Keith Potter, Huron; B. J. Wolf, Mitchell, and Carl Grossman, Brookings; Chaplain, Rev. Carl Locke, Rapid City.

ILLINOIS

The 47th Annual Convention of the Illinois Elks Assn. was held in Springfield May 19, 20 and 21, with nearly 1700 delegates and visitors. John E. Giles of Marion was elected President, succeeding Willis G. Maltby, of Joliet. Vice-Pres.-at-Large is Wm. S. Wolf, Pontiac; Secy., Albert W. Arnold, Lincoln, and Treas., Charles W. Clabaugh, Champaign. Vice-Presidents are: Matt Lampson, Streator; Ian MacDonald, Chicago No. 4; Earl Waller, DeKalb; Orval Bogard, Marion; W. C. Graham, Mattoon; James R. Snelson, Granite City, and Frank R. Warnhoff, Macomb; Trustees: A. E. Bentley, Pontiac; George F. Thornton, Oak Park; Calvin Detwiler, Moline; Harold A. Myers, Mt. Vernon; Curtis A. Hill, Lawrenceville; Leroy Schaeffer, Belleville, and George M. Sexauer, Galesburg.

Illinois Elkdom is growing steadily—85 lodges and over 50,000 members.

Seven District Championship Ritualistic Teams competed in the State Contest, with DeKalb Lodge coming out on top, and initiating a class of seven men before a crowd of 300. The increased interest in ritualistic work throughout the State is due to the splendid efforts of State Ritualistic Chairman George F. Thornton and his District Chairmen.

Sixteen former Association leaders met at their annual dinner, and the senior member, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, presided. This group included W. J. Grant, Sam Ryerson, W. R. Fletcher, Wm. M. Frasier, Judge T. A. Snell, J. C. Dallenbach, J. P. Kuhn,

Bryan Caffery, J. M. Cooke, D. T. Cloud, A. W. Arnold, M. M. Archer, R. B. Zea, N. H. Feder, and F. E. Cheney, with Mr. Maltby and Mr. John E. Giles as special guests. Two other Past Presidents, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and Mayor W. E. Miller, arrived after the dinner.

The impressive Memorial Services, witnessed by a large and appreciative audience and directed by Mr. Giles, followed a unique pattern. Before a religious backdrop were placed seven white crosses, representing each Illinois District. As a bell tolled and the narrator announced the number of deaths for each District in the past year, a beautifully gowned young lady, carrying a bouquet, entered slowly, placed the flowers at the foot of the cross representing that District and knelt there until the end of the service.

At the Assn. banquet three \$300 scholarship awards were presented to Most Valuable Students, and a \$300 award to the winner of the Assn.'s Essay Contest.

A diamond-studded wrist watch was given to retiring Pres. Maltby, and a clever show, directed and written by E.R. Monte Hance of Rock Island, depicting various important events in Illinois Elksdom during the past 50 years, was climaxed by a very amusing skit in which

the State's three Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Mr. Maltby were caricatured by four members of the large cast.

At the President's Ball the Barbershop Quartet Contest took place, with honors going to Sterling, Macomb, Dixon and Cicero-Berwyn entries in that order.

Athletic events included the first annual Bowling Tournament in which more than 500 participated, and the golf and trap shoot events.

This very well planned meeting included several entertaining social events, in which the ladies also participated.

TEXAS

The 1950 meeting of the Texas State Elks Assn. took place in Brownsville May 31, June 1, 2 and 3, with 673 persons in attendance, including the very fine Amarillo Drum Corps and the Corpus Christi Elks Band.

The Teams of Baytown, El Paso and Port Arthur Lodges came through in that order in the Ritualistic Contest, with seven individual trophies presented to the most efficient officers, and cups to the three top teams. The Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" award of \$300 for the State went to Miss

Ouida A. Spenser; a \$200 State Assn. award was won by Milton S. Wing; a \$100 Assn. prize went to Caroline M. Barsh, and a \$50 State award to Armando Guerrero.

At this meeting the delegates heard inspiring addresses by both Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis and Federal District Judge Allen B. Hannay, former member of the Grand Forum. Decisions made at the Convention included the naming of Amarillo as the 1951 Convention City, and increasing to \$4.00 the per capita donations of the membership to support the magnificent Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital.

Leading the Association for the coming year are: Pres., J. Rollie Pray, Fort Worth; Secy., H. S. Rubenstein, Brenham; Treas., Henry Wendlandt, Sr., Austin; Vice-Presidents: (S.E.) R. E. L. Barnett, Galveston; (S.W.) J. A. Sweeney, San Antonio; (No.) R. A. Smith, Breckenridge; (E.) Vic Ferchill, Longview; (W.) C. G. Barrett, Amarillo; (Cent.) John Kromas, Waco; Trustees for the TESA: H. S. Lemmons, Breckenridge (five years); W. H. Driscoll, Temple (six years); Trustees for the Texas Crippled Children's Institution: William J. B. Frazier, El Paso (eight years); Chaplain, Rev. Chas. G. Fox, Fort Worth; Sgt.-at-Arms, Douglas C. Graham, Plainview, and Tiler, Orville Womack, Marshall.



Above are the Maine State Elks Association Committeemen who were responsible for the success of the very fine meeting at Rumford.

Right: Dignitaries on hand for the Georgia State Elks Assn. Convention in Savannah. Foreground, left to right: Grand Chaplain Father James E. King, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland and Grand Treasurer Joseph B. Kyle, the new Grand Exalted Ruler. Standing behind them are prominent Georgia Elks, including Edward A. Dutton, Convention Chairman, former Lodge Activities Committeeman.



STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION INFORMATION FOR 1950

State	City	Date
Md., Del., D. C.	Cumberland, Md.	Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15
Wisconsin	Oshkosh	Aug. 17, 18, 19
Virginia	Richmond	Aug. 20, 21, 22
Pennsylvania	Scranton	Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24
Ohio	Cedar Point (Sandusky)	Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
New Mexico	Raton	Sept. 15, 16, 17
Colorado	Idaho Springs	Sept. 22, 23, 24
California	Sacramento	Sept. 27, 28, 29, 30
Vermont	St. Albans	Oct. 1
New Hampshire	Claremont	Oct. 6, 7, 8



At the Oregon State Assn. Meeting, Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson greeted a few of the hundreds of children treated at the Oregon Elks Visual Eye Clinic. Also shown are some of the Assn.'s Eye Clinic Committeemen, including Robert Mulvey, Past Pres. A. N. Nicolai, Roy Woodruff and Hal Randall.

FLORIDA

West Palm Beach was the site of the 44th Annual Convention of the Florida State Elks Assn., Inc., on May 21, 22 and 23, when nearly 900 persons were on hand to participate in the important business sessions and the many pleasant social activities, particularly the President's Ball. The delegates elected Arthur C. O'Hea, of Fort Lauderdale, as President; Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee, Treasurer, and Grand Esquire Chelsie J. Senerchia of Miami, Secretary. The following were selected as District Vice-Presidents: (So. Cent.) H. F. Johnson, Wauchula; (So.) Bruce A. Hood, Hollywood; (Cent.) P. E. Winstead, Tarpon Springs; (N.E.) Charles A. Poole, Daytona Beach; (N.W.) George Carver, Live Oak.

Among the dignitaries present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, Chief Justice Alto Adams of the Grand Forum and W. A. Wall of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee.

Florida Elksdom made a membership gain of 1,732 during the year, with two new lodges—Fort Walton No. 1795, and Starke No. 1802—to bring the total number of lodges to 50, with an Association membership of 21,476 men. This expansion resulted in the delegates' recommendation to the Grand Lodge that the State be redivided into five Districts. The Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home, owned, maintained and operated by the Florida Assn., received \$53,020.10 from 48 lodges in the State, while other charities accounted for an additional expenditure of \$57,358 during the year. General welfare expenditures were \$37,542.

Tallahassee Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest, while Pahokee Lodge walked off with the Golf Tournament.

The Association will meet in Daytona Beach next year, with quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors of the Assn. at the Harry-Anna Home. The delegates amended the By-Laws of the Assn. to provide for a permanent State Secy. with central offices at the Home, and established the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Trust Fund for the Home's benefit.

ARIZONA

Over 700 Elks and their ladies registered for the 1950 Convention of the Ariz. State Elks Assn. at Prescott May 25, 26

and 27. Among the distinguished guests present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Governor Dan E. Garvey, of Tucson Lodge, and Wesley Bolin, Secretary of the State of Arizona, a member of Phoenix Lodge.

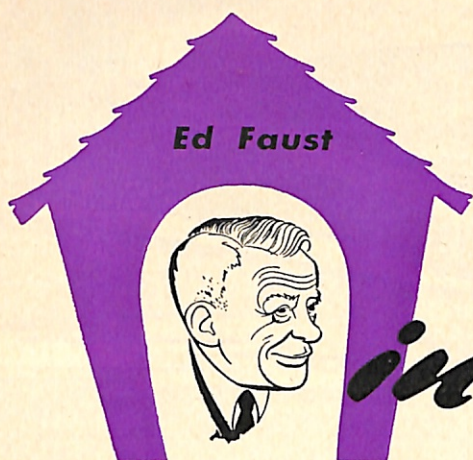
In addition to its continued sponsorship of the Ariz. Elks' Tubercular Hospital, and the furnishing of uniforms, band and athletic equipment for Fort Grant Industrial School, the delegates have decided to sponsor an Ariz. Elks Boys Ranch for underprivileged youngsters and to lend financial assistance to the Florence Crittenton Home. With the cooperation of the Elks National Service Commission, Arizona Elksdom will continue its monthly program for the three Veterans' Hospitals in the State.

Eight teams competed in the Ritualistic Contest which was won by Yuma Lodge. Election of officers resulted in the choice of the following men until the 1951 Convention meets in Bisbee: Pres., Dr. W. V. Ammons, Phoenix; Secy., Leo C. Gavan, Phoenix; Assistants to the President: (No.) Ben Brokaw, Mesa; (So.) Arthur Turner, Miami; Vice-Pres., Stanley Sleeman, Douglas; Trustees: O. C. Osterman, Kingman; R. C. Russell, Jr., Ajo, and W. R. Wilder, Douglas. Joseph F. Mayer tendered his resignation as Treasurer, a post he has filled capably for 20 years, and Francis Decker of Flagstaff was chosen to take his place.

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The Salina Ritualistic Team, 1950 Kansas State Champions. Left to right, first row: Esq. J. Herb Wilson, E.R., Raymond M. Green, Lead. Knight C. H. Waeckerle, Chaplain John I. Young. Back row: Lect. Knight O. F. Johnson, Inner Guard Laurence Giersch, Loyal Knight E. H. Hammontree.



Ed Faust gives you a few hints which are safe to follow in caring for your dog in an emergency.

in the Doghouse

IT'S ALWAYS a pleasure to get letters from readers. In the first place, it's the only way the publishers of your *Elks Magazine* know that Faust has any readers at all—and this is important, especially to Faust; it means groceries. But there's another angle, too—the enjoyment of the friendly contacts thus established. You have no idea of the satisfaction they give your writer, or how widespread they are, and anyone who thinks I don't appreciate them has a few more thinks coming.

Once in a while the letters pile up on me, causing a delay in my replies. You see, like most newspaper-trained guys, I'm one of those two-finger typists—and slow. As a rule, I can usually give a solution to a correspondent's dog problem but, and I've said this before, I do not answer questions about sick dogs. There are two good reasons why—no, three—the chief of which is that I'm not a veterinarian. You won't find that many regular dog-writers are qualified vets. What's more, in fairness to both owner and dog, I will not presume to diagnose at a distance, nor attempt to give advice by mail. Then, too, not many owners of house pets are sufficiently informed about dogs to describe accurately Fido's heebie-jeebie symptoms. In such simple things as external or internal parasites, I can usually call the turn, but that's about all.

It is with wonder that occasionally in my mail I find a description of the writer's efforts at home doctoring when his dog goes off his feed. Weird, too, are some of the treatments inflicted on our poor four-legged friend—all, of course, with the best intentions. The unskilled person who tries to home-cure a sick pooch reminds me of that acid description of a research man: one who reasons from an unwarranted assumption to a foregone conclusion. Now, hold on—I didn't invent that description, and I don't believe it applies at all to those who are sincere in that sort of work, and qualified to do it, but it does fit anyone who is brash enough and thoughtlessly unkind enough to try to play the purp's doctor.

To the simple business of offering advice about parasites, I will add that I do advise with regard to an occasional dog

injury, but with this always goes the counsel to call in the vet. In this sermon I'll pass along a few tips for first-aid should your dog be an accident victim.

Once in a while a dog will go lame, perhaps as a result of a fall, or a sudden slip causing a sprain. If a joint is affected, it may swell rapidly and be painful to the touch; there may also be a hot, feverish feeling to it. If so, the dog should be kept absolutely quiet and off its feet. After making sure the sprain isn't an actual break, apply a bandage which should be kept wet for the first few days. Of course, the dog will have to use his legs when answering Nature's call, but otherwise it is well to confine the pup to a box with a slatted top (or chicken wire will do), low enough to prevent the dog from standing. When the injured part can be handled it should be massaged—gently at first, and later the limb should be flexed during the massage to help eliminate stiffness. A good, but not strong, liniment can be applied at this time. Should this result in blisters, dilute it with water and apply vaseline to the blisters.

Sometimes a dog will be bruised or cut or bitten in a fight. In these cases, if the injuries are severe, cold water applied at frequent intervals for about a

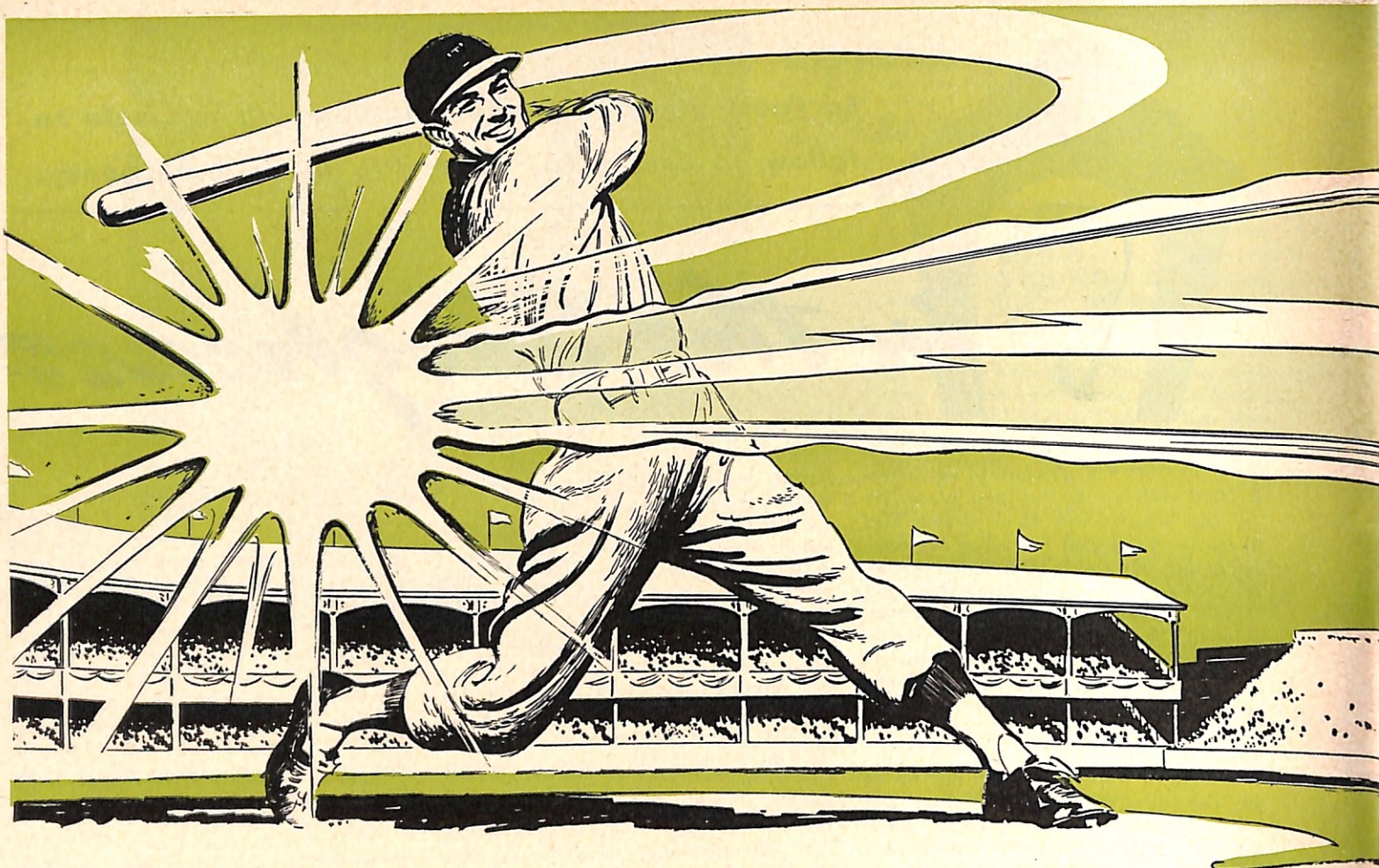
day should have a soothing, healing effect. This should be followed with hot water compresses, but bear in mind that, if it is a deep cut or bite, your vet must be called in. Even if it is only a slight bite, try to learn what dog inflicted it, as rabies, while rare, can be deadly. If you know the dog, you'll know its condition. However, if you can't find the animal that did the damage, take your dog to a vet at once; he will confine your dog for observation. Don't dismiss this lightly on the score that it may be only a superficial wound, or that you don't want your dog to remain away from you.

IT WON'T be long now, before our hunting friends will be banging and blazing away and generally making life miserable for a variety of game. Sometimes dogs employed in the field become accidental targets. At such time, if not too badly wounded, the dog may try to run away. This should be prevented as such activity induces profuse bleeding. The dog certainly will be frightened and might even attempt to bite its owner. If the dog can be caught, it should be muzzled and examined. An effective temporary muzzle is made by wrapping a strip of cloth over the dog's foreface, bringing both ends
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Photo by Ylla.



Call the vet when necessary, or your dog will reproach you.



Sluggers' Day

This is a rough season for the "rabbit" that lives in a baseball.

BY HAROLD ROSENTHAL

Staff writer, New York Herald-Tribune, covering Brooklyn Dodgers games.

ILLUSTRATED BY HOWARD WILLIAMSON

Mr. Williamson played outfield with the old Syracuse Stars and was up with the St. Louis Cardinals awhile.

ONCE upon a time there was a speedy little jackrabbit who roamed the Panhandle. He finally became tired of the outdoor life and got himself a nice comfortable home—inside a baseball.

—Old Texas Fairy Tale.

Future historians of baseball, digging through musty archives a hundred years hence, are going to make

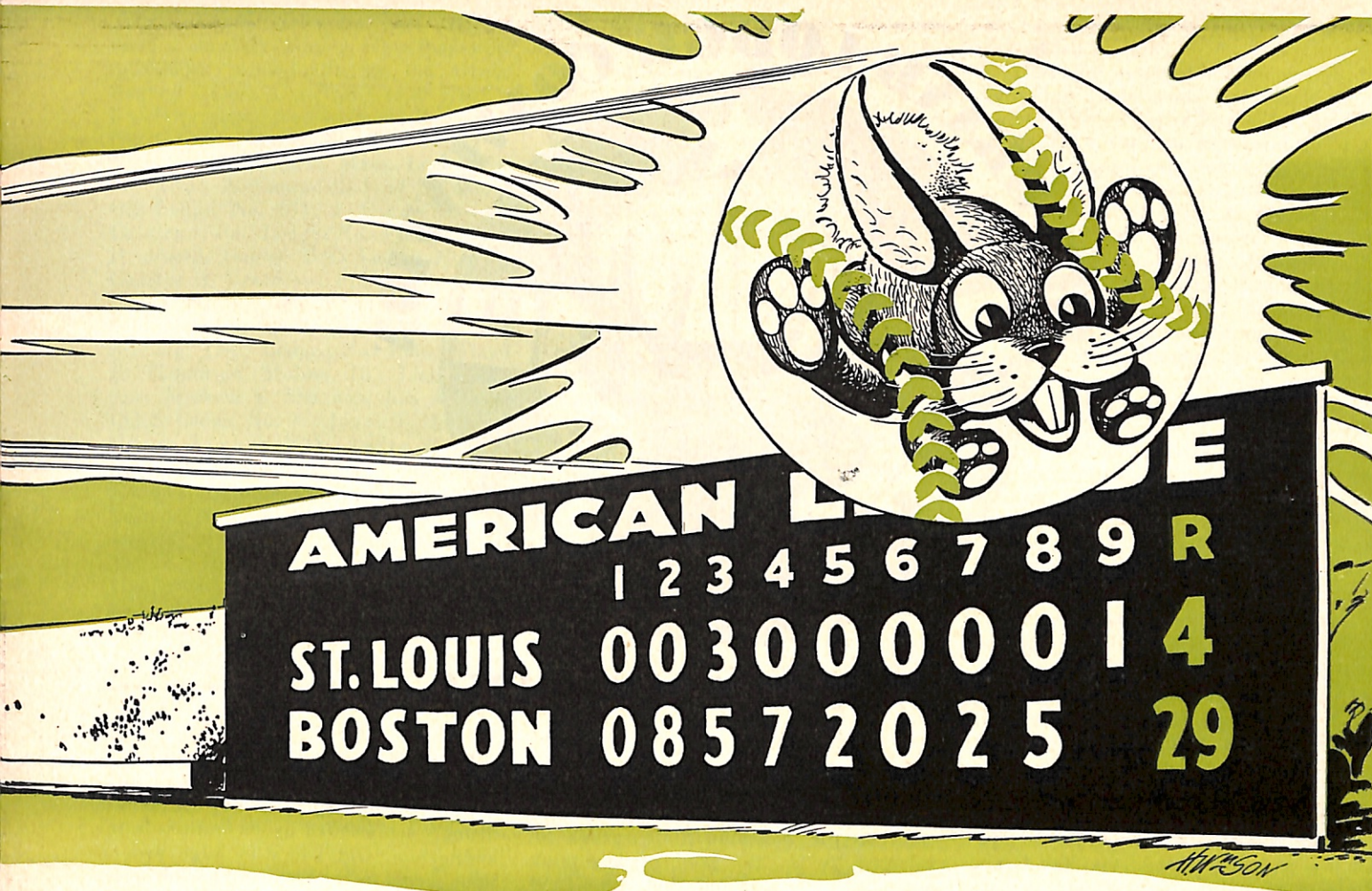
an amazing discovery when they hit 1950. They're going to find that most of the literature and lore of this particular period was devoted to Homeric stories of heavy hitting and bad jokes about rabbits.

If they keep digging, they will make another startling discovery. They will find a similar situation existed thirty years previously. Reading the fading print they will learn that the post-

World War I Boswells of the game, in much the same manner as their post-World War II counterparts, wailed that the "rabbit has ruined the game."

About the only difference between the two situations, apart from the fact that, in the meantime, an entire generation has grown up, is that (a) more people are talking about it today than in 1920 because more people are baseball fans and (b) the "rabbit" is beyond any doubt a bit livelier. Chalk it up to intensive breeding.

Today's "rabbit", as witnessed by the revealing figures accompanying this article, has stepped up the home-run production in the major leagues twenty-five per cent over last year's. There are no records available for the far-flung sixty leagues that make up



Red Sox opened festivities with a 29-4 victory over the Browns.

the minors, but when they are compiled at the end of the year a similar rise doubtlessly will be shown. 1950 will slip into history tagged as the greatest year for our furry, long-eared friends since the movies discovered Bugs Bunny.

Baseball stands out as the great American game because, among other things, of its intense vocal qualities. Everybody talks. The managers exchange pleasantries with umpires, the players jockey each other from opposing dugouts, fans talk to everyone, including each other, and the radio announcers talk to themselves. Therein lies the game's great attraction.

A fellow can pay his \$1.25 general admission for a seat in a major-league ball park and immediately start talking like a \$50,000-a-year manager. And he need never search very far for another potential \$50,000 manager. The next seat usually will do. Joy of joys, this co-manager will usually be only too glad to argue the opposite side of any viewpoint he offers, and besides, the hot dogs and soda pop in most parks cost no more than they do on the outside.

Strangely enough, however, your

grandstand managers, your field managers, your players and your professional observers like radio and newspaper men, are all pretty much of the same mind on the "rabbit." "He's here," they say, "What are we going to do about it?"

"There's nothing that can be done about any 'rabbit' ball," wails the offices of the presidents of both National and American Leagues, "because there isn't any 'rabbit' ball." The ball is the same as the one we've always used.

"If the ball is any faster," they maintain, "it's because the quality of materials going into it has improved."

Then they give you that under-one-eyebrow conspiratorial you-know-glance and say, "They're using *Australian* yarn now to wind the balls."

THAT poor Australian yarn. Thirty years ago it took the rap when the owners decided to load the ball for speed and power sensing correctly that Babe Ruth was to usher in a new and greater era of popularity for the national pastime. If all those Australian rams and ewes wandering around on the Queensland Ranges

should happen to stumble upon a set of early-season box scores they'd certainly feel ashamed of themselves.

Before our four-footed Aussie friends get indigestion attempting to dine on them, they'd discover that the first half of 1950 has been an absolute hitter's paradise. It didn't start until June (of which more later) but once it did it was like a snow-ball, beg pardon, a rabbit-ball.

The Red Sox opened the festivities with a 29-to-4 victory over the St. Louis Browns. The Browns, in the past decade, have sort of become accustomed to getting the backs of other people's hands. This one, however, proved the back, front and some nice-pointed fingernails thrown in.

The Red Sox-Browns aren't exactly a stellar attraction and since there were only a bit more than 5,000 customers rattling around in Fenway Park that afternoon there was one run scored for approximately every 160 customers. That's what is known as giving the customers their money's worth.

After that things began to happen in a hurry. The Cleveland Indians
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MIAMI, FLORIDA, JULY, 1950

THREE THOUSAND Miamians and visiting Elks were present at the public session which opened the 86th Grand Lodge Convention in the Bayfront Park Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, July 9th, at 8:00 p.m.

Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson struck a keynote of the Convention when he attacked the "dangerous fools" in our country who serve as tools to help Soviet Russia destroy freedom. They are not only traitors to their country, he observed, but traitors to all mankind.

"Fortunately," Mr. Anderson said, "despite the hysteria and the political jockeying that have handicapped the fight to flush these traitors from hiding, they are being exposed." He then called the attention of Miamians to the significance of Elkdom in our national life. "Through all of our programs, Elks are building democracy at the grass roots."

Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, former Governor of Florida, served admirably as master of ceremonies for the evening, and Past Exalted Ruler E. Albert Pallot, junior P. E. R. of Miami Lodge, occupied the post of Chairman of the meeting.

Messages of cordial welcome were extended to the Elk visitors by Exalted Ruler W. A. Cashon on behalf of Miami Lodge, No. 948, by Mayor William M. Wolfarth and by former Governor Doyle E. Carlton.

Mayor Wolfarth welcomed the Elks back to Miami with interesting comparisons between conditions obtaining at the time of the last Grand Lodge Convention in his city 22 years ago and the prosperity of Miami today.

Governor Carlton extended a warm welcome to the Sunshine State, which he referred to as "the land of beginning again". He pointed out that the Grand Lodge Convention was being held at a solemn hour in our history and welcomed our members particularly now because "the Elks bring human and spiritual values which serve as the solid foundation for the State and the Nation."

The prize-winning male chorus of Hanover, Pa., Lodge, No. 763, led by Paul Worcester, entertained the meeting and music was furnished by Caesar LaMonaca and his 40-piece symphonic band. Mr. LaMonaca offered as one of the selections an expressive "March—B. P. O. E." which he composed in 1924.

The patriotic spirit of our Order was fittingly represented by decorations in the auditorium. Old Glory in huge proportions served as the inspiring backdrop for the stage, and various other representations of the colors decorated the walls of the hall. The cardinal principle, "Fidelity", was emphasized by a three-foot, blue star, suspended above the audience from a tall standard in the center aisle of the Auditorium.

Grand Chaplain, Reverend Father James E. King, opened the session with a moving prayer and pronounced a short benediction at the close.

The singing of our stirring national anthem by all present marked the evening's adjournment.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

MEETING in the Bayfront Park Municipal Auditorium, Miami, the first session of the 86th Grand Lodge Convention was called to order by the Grand Esquire at 9:30 Monday morning, July 10. After the Grand Lodge officers entered the auditorium, the gavel was turned over to Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and Grand Chaplain, the Reverend Father James E. King, delivered the invocation. The Grand Exalted Ruler then presented the Grand Lodge officers: Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville, O., Lodge, No. 114; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, Harry B. Hoffman, Sonora, Cal., Lodge, No. 1587; Grand Esteemed Lecturing

Knight, Charles G. Hawthorne, Baltimore, Md., Lodge, No. 7; Grand Secretary, J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494; Grand Treasurer, Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152; Grand Tiler, John L. McIntyre, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2; Grand Inner Guard, John T. Dumont, St. Louis, Mo., Lodge, No. 9; Grand Chaplain, Reverend Father James E. King, Athens, Ga., Lodge, No. 790; Grand Esquire, Chelsie J. Senerchia, Miami, Fla., Lodge, No. 948, and George J. McCarthy, Tacoma, Wash., Lodge, No. 174, Secretary.

Following this presentation, the 23 Past Grand Exalted Rulers attending the Convention were escorted to the stage and

presented to the delegates, who accorded them a standing ovation after they were introduced individually by the Grand Exalted Ruler. The Past Grand Exalted Rulers present were: Raymond Benjamin, Napa, Calif., Lodge, No. 832; James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge, No. 664; J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494; William H. Atwell, Dallas, Tex., Lodge, No. 71; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; John R. Coen, Sterling, Col., Lodge, No. 1336; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge, No. 556; Michael F. Shannon, Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge, No. 99; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878; David Sholtz, Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1141; Charles Spencer Hart, Mount Vernon, N. Y., Lodge, No. 842; Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, O., Lodge, No. 53; Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lodge, No. 779; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78; E. Mark Sullivan, Boston, Mass., Lodge, No. 10; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, Ore., Lodge, No. 142; Dr. Robert S. Barrett, Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28; Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge, No. 299; L. A. Lewis, Anaheim, Calif., Lodge, No. 1345, and George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515.

Following the ovation to the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Mayor William M. Wolfarth welcomed the assembled delegates to Miami. Former Post Master General James A. Farley, a member of Haverstraw, N. Y., Lodge, No. 877, who has been attending Grand Lodge Sessions since 1916, then came to the rostrum and delivered a brief address.

Grand Trustees Introduced

The Board of Grand Trustees were escorted to the stage and introduced: Hugh W. Hicks, Jackson, Tenn., Lodge, No. 192; Sam Stern, Fargo, N. D., Lodge, No. 260; D. E. Lambourne, Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, No. 85; Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge, No. 173, and Thomas J. Brady, Brookline, Mass., Lodge, No. 886.

Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, H. Earl Pitzer, Gettysburg, Pa., Lodge, No. 1045, advised the delegates that his preliminary report showed a total of 1,752 Grand Lodge members in attendance at the Convention.

The next order of procedure was the introduction of members from distant lodges. Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone lodges were represented.

The minutes of the Cleveland Convention last July then were approved and filed, after which the assistants to the Grand Tiler, the Grand Esquire, the Grand Inner Guard, the Inspectors and Clerks of Elections were named. Following this the Committee on Distribution was appointed: David V. Bulger, Port-

land, Ore., Lodge, No. 142, chairman; James A. Dunn, Miami, Fla., Lodge, No. 948, and George J. McCarthy, Tacoma, Wash., Lodge, No. 174.

The reports of the Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Secretary, the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Treasurer next were submitted and approved. Digests of the first three named reports appeared in the July issue of *The Elks Magazine*. Hugh W. Hicks gave a preliminary report of the budget.

In recognition of the Miami session, President Harry S. Truman wrote to Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson and his letter was read to the delegates. The President's letter appears on page one of this issue.

Pledge Our Resources

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner submitted the following resolution, which was passed unanimously:

"Mindful that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has always been foremost in every patriotic endeavor in the past and knowing that we will continue that record in the future and realizing the fact that a state of grave uncertainty now exists in our country and that it may be necessary to give our utmost support to the President and the Armed Forces of the United States,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we again pledge our resources and our best efforts on behalf of the nation and all its institutions, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Grand Lodge of Elks, on behalf of itself and its more than a million members, pledge allegiance to our country and to our country's President and direct that

an engrossed copy of this resolution be forwarded to him".

After the resolution was passed, the following appointments were made: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell to the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission for a term of five years; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick to the Elks National Foundation for a term of seven years; John L. Walker, Roanoke, Va., Lodge, No. 197, to the Grand Forum; Judge Henry S. Lindsley, Denver, Colo., Lodge, No. 17 to the Grand Forum, replacing R. L. Sauter, Sterling, Colo., Lodge, No. 1336, resigned, and John Smart, Dallas, Tex., Lodge, No. 71, Pardon Commissioner for the Grand Lodge Session. Direction of the Memorial Services of the Grand Lodge Convention then was delegated to a Committee comprised of Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, David Sholtz and Charles H. Grakelow.

The Grand Exalted Ruler next called for the election of officers for the ensuing year. C. E. Thompson, Frankfort, Ind., Lodge, No. 560, was recognized and proposed Joseph B. Kyle, Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler. The nomination was seconded by Rosco D. Leever of Gary Lodge. The nominations were closed and the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Kyle, who was declared duly elected to office. With a standing ovation from the delegates, the Grand Exalted Ruler elect was escorted to the rostrum by Past Grand Exalted Rulers Bruce A. Campbell, J. Edgar Masters and Dr. Robert S. Barrett, as well as Robert A. Scott, Linton, Ind., Lodge, No. 866; Robert L. DeHority, El-



Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson congratulates Grand Exalted Ruler Elect Joseph B. Kyle.

wood, Ind., Lodge, No. 368; Tom Burke, Lafayette, Ind., Lodge No. 143, and Ted Thews, Clyde Hunter and John A. MacLennon of the Gary Lodge. After Mr. Kyle reached the stage the noted Indiana Chanters sang under the direction of Carl Jones. Mr. Kyle then delivered a speech of acceptance which appears on page 6 of this issue.

The gavel then was turned over to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Longergan to conduct the remaining elections: For Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, Arnold Westermann, Louisville, Ky., Lodge, No. 8; For Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, M. A. deBettencourt, Houston, Tex., Lodge, No. 151; For Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, James T. Welch, Bridgeport, Conn., Lodge, No. 36; For Grand Secretary, Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494; For Grand Treasurer,

William J. Jernick, Nutley, N. J., Lodge, No. 1290; For Grand Trustee, Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville, O., Lodge, No. 114; For Grand Tiler, Louis B. Browne, Berkeley, Calif., Lodge, No. 1002, and for Grand Inner Guard, L. John Nelson, Spokane, Wash., Lodge, No. 228. All of these nominations were duly seconded and those nominated were unanimously elected to the offices named for the coming year.

J. Theodore Moses, North Tonawanda, N. Y., Lodge, No. 860, then offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Grand Trustees, with the advice of the Grand Exalted Ruler, to select the city where the 1951 Grand Lodge Session will be held. This resolution was adopted and after several announcements by Grand Esquire Chelsie J. Senerchia the first business session was closed with a benediction by Reverend Father James E. King.

Alaska. Mr. Hart concluded by saying, "I bring you from the Chief Scout Executive in Valley Forge the greetings of 47,000 future Elks in whom you have invested a great deal of money, help and encouragement".

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman, delivered the report of the Elks National Foundation, a digest of which appears on page 25 of this issue. Mr. Malley then yielded the floor to Dr. Barrett, who spoke movingly about the devastating effects of cerebral palsy on the 350,000 or more children who have this affliction. Citing a typical case of the development of the disease, and the inability of the parents to find means for adequate treatment, Dr. Barrett brought home to the delegates that there is an alarming lack of trained doctors and nurses to correct the disease. Through the Elks National Foundation, the Order this year established fellowships for a woman doctor to conduct research work at the Children's Medical Center in Boston and for two doctors to study speech therapy as applied to cerebral palsy. This is but a start, Dr. Barrett reminded the delegates, as he urged every Elk and every State Association to help provide the means to combat a disease that, in many respects, is more serious than polio.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

THE second business session opened July 11 with an announcement from the Grand Exalted Ruler that he had granted two dispensations since his report was completed. The two new lodges to enter the Order are Okmulgee, Okla., Lodge, No. 1822, and Statesville, N. C., Lodge, No. 1823, making a total of 42 dispensations for the year, the most in the history of the Order.

David V. Bulger, Portland, Ore., Lodge, No. 142, submitted the report of the Committee on Distribution.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell then reported for the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, of which he is Chairman. Mr. Campbell's report was approved and filed. A digest of it appears on page 23 of this issue.

Paying a tribute to the oldest Brother at the Convention, the Grand Exalted Ruler welcomed Edwin I. Snyder, Past Exalted Ruler, Salem, Ohio, Lodge, No. 305. Brother Snyder is a 53-year member, 92 years of age and blind.

In Behalf of Elks Home

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, after paying tribute to the great work of Brother Charles Hawthorne in raising funds for the Home, spoke in behalf of the Elks Home at Bedford, Va., expressing appreciation of the cooperation of the subordinate lodges in providing entertainment for the Brothers living at the Home. He turned over to the Board of Grand Trustees a check for \$5,760 representing contributions of the lodges for the purpose of providing entertainment at the Home.

Expressing the appreciation of the Boy Scouts of America for the part that the Order has played in building Scouting,

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart reported on the progress made during the past year. The number of units sponsored by Elks lodges throughout the country increased from 432 to 513, a net increase of 61, or 19 per cent over last year. Three years ago the ratio of scout units sponsored to the number of lodges was 20 per cent; at the end of 1949 it was 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. Florida had the greatest net increase in units last year—13, followed by California, Illinois, Colorado, Missouri and North Carolina. Particularly outstanding in their work were Florida, Illinois, Montana and

Emergency Education Fund

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley returned to tell the delegates about the emergency education fund which was set up by the Grand Lodge, under the supervision of the Elks National Foundation. The basic idea of the fund is that when any child of a Brother Elk who was killed or incapacitated in World War



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, Vice-Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, at left, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, at right, congratulate scholarship award winners Jean Ann Lawson and Gilbert R. Panzer.

II finishes high school and is ready for college, this fund, both as to principal and interest, may be used to educate that child. The Exalted Rulers attending were urged to acquaint themselves with this aspect of the work of the Elks National Foundation and to utilize it in applicable cases in their own committees.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley, for the Foundation, then accepted these check donations: \$1,000 from Kalamazoo, Mich., Lodge, No. 50; \$1,000 from Madison, Wis., Lodge, No. 410; \$100 from Dallas Lodge, No. 71, presented by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Atwell; personal contribution of \$50 from Oscar Gardner; \$100 from Cynthiana, Ky., Lodge, No. 438; \$201 from Lowville, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1605; \$300 from H. Bennett Forrest, Richmond, Ky.; \$100 from Warrenburg, Mo., Lodge, No. 673; \$1,000 on behalf of several hundred Elks of Wisconsin in memory of Dr. C. O. Fillinger, Marinette Lodge, No. 1313; \$1,000 in memory of William T. Phillips from the lodges of Conn. for a Permanent Benefactor's Certificate; and \$100 each from District Deputies J. Paul Kuhn and J. Paul Hughes. After these announce-

ments, the Elks National Foundation report was accepted and filed.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin next announced the final report of the Scholarship awards of the Foundation, a complete account of which will appear in our September issue. Jean Ann Lawson, Shawnee, Okla., and Gilbert R. Panzer, New York City, the first-prize winners, were present as guests of the Order and both made brief expressions of appreciation.

Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee, submitted his report, a digest of which appears on page 26. Earl E. James, Chairman, reported for the Committee on Judiciary and personally thanked his Committee associates—John C. Cochrane, Toledo, O., Lodge, No. 53; John L. Walker, Roanoke, Va., Lodge, No. 197; H. L. Blackledge, Kearney, Neb., Lodge, No. 984, and A. W. Parnell, Appleton, Wis., Lodge, No. 337. A digest of the report of this Committee appears on page 26 of this issue.

The second business session then closed with a benediction from the Grand Chaplain.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

OPENING the third business session July 12, Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson recognized John T. McMahon, Ouray, Colo., Lodge, No. 492. This year, said Brother McMahon, the Colorado Elks undertook to raise \$55,000 for a cerebral palsy clinic. This was accomplished. A \$3,750 check was presented by him to the Elks National Foundation for the Colorado Elks Association.

William G. Elliott, Jr., Vallejo, Calif., Lodge, No. 559, presented \$1,000 to the

Elks National Foundation. This has been an annual contribution from the lodge.

After these presentations, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, delivered the report of the Commission. Chairman Hallinan said that since the shooting stopped for World War II, \$700,000 had been spent by the Commission in carrying out its veterans program in approximately 146 hospitals. He pointed to a table displaying prod-

ucts made by the veterans under the direction of the Order. Chairman Hallinan then introduced disabled veterans from Pratt Hospital near Miami, two of whom were Elks—Carl Walters, Fort Pierce, Fla., Lodge, No. 1520, and Eugene L. Schwartz, Kingston, N. Y., Lodge, No. 550. Charles E. McCarthy, assistant manager of Pratt Hospital and a member of Havre de Grace, Md., Lodge, No. 1564, expressed his appreciation of the work that the Elks have done for the veterans.

Chairman Hallinan paid a personal tribute for the assistance accorded by Past Exalted Ruler Joseph F. Bader, Lyndhurst, N. J. He also reported that the subordinate lodges had contributed approximately \$6,500 additionally to the Commission above the assessments.

Emergency Resolution

In a vigorous address, Chairman Hallinan then said, "This Order of Elks is not going to wait until the emergency arises. We are going to ask you to adopt a resolution, by standing unanimously, directing your Grand Lodge officers to make an assessment if—and only if—a struggle should take place".

Then followed this resolution by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner:

"Hopeful that no necessity will arise, yet if occasion requires, be it resolved that the Board of Grand Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, with the approval of our Grand Exalted Ruler, be authorized to levy an assessment of not exceeding one dollar per year from each one of the more than a million members of our Order, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Elks National Service Commission, for purposes of national defense and the welfare of the nation; and that the Grand Exalted Ruler, with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees, be authorized to augment the sum so raised by an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, to be expended under the direction of said Commission for the same purpose". This resolution was passed unanimously by a standing vote of the delegates. The report of the Elks National Service Commission was approved and filed; a digest of it appears on page 24 of this issue.

Good Work in California

Robert N. Traver, Ontario, Cal., Lodge, No. 1419, addressed the Grand Lodge, saying that the California Elks had placed more than \$35,000 worth of leather in the hands of disabled veterans for occupational therapy work. More than \$20,000 was raised for entertainment of the veterans. Mr. Traver introduced to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan, Brother J. G. Davis, a private in the Army and a member of Ontario



Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, addresses the Grand Lodge delegates regarding the notable work of this Commission during the past year. Chairman Hallinan introduced disabled veterans from Pratt Hospital near Miami.

lodge. Brother Davis, a disabled veteran, presented Chairman Hallinan with a beautiful tooled leather brief case made by veteran patients in the hospitals of California in appreciation of the help Elks have given to disabled veterans in that state.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall presented this resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Grand Exalted Ruler be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a special committee, to be composed of three members, whose duty it shall be to consider and provide in suitable form a memorial to our late Brother, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert.

"Be it further resolved that a preliminary

appropriation of \$1,500 be made for the use of this special committee, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this resolution". This motion was duly seconded and passed.

Chairman of the State Associations Committee, Nick H. Feder, Belleville, Ill., Lodge, No. 481, presented his report, a digest of which appeared in our July issue. Brother Feder introduced his associates on the Committee: Hollis B. Brewer, Casper, Wyo., Lodge, No. 1353; John P. Gilbert, Danbury, Conn., Lodge, No. 120, and Roderick M. McDuffie, East Point, Ga., Lodge, No. 1617. The report was approved and filed.

The third business session then was adjourned for the Memorial Services.

he served as Chairman. Reviewing Chairman Hicks outstanding record as an Elk during the past 20 years, Brother Davis offered a resolution that Brother Hicks be given a suitable testimonial.

The total number of Grand Lodge members in attendance at the convention was 2273, reported H. Earl Pitzer, Gettysburg, Pa., Lodge, No. 1045, Chairman of the Committee of Credentials.

Before turning the gavel over to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell for the installation of officers, Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson expressed his sincere appreciation for the courtesies and the confidence and the loyalty and devotion given to him by the Order during this past year. "It has been a year which will always be a rich experience, never to be forgotten, and I am grateful for this great honor and trust that I have merited your confidence. All I want to say is God bless you and your families", said Mr. Anderson.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Campbell then recognized Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, who offered a resolution stressing the constructive leadership which Mr. Anderson had given the Order. The resolution was passed by a standing vote, with warm applause from the delegates.

Officers Installed

Acting Grand Secretary E. Mark Sullivan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, read the role of the new officers, who then were escorted to the altar by the Grand Esquire. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell installed the officers elect, a list of which appears in the report of the first business session.

Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle then assumed his duties as the new Grand Exalted Ruler and thanked Mr. Campbell for acting as the installing officer. Mr. Kyle announced the resignation of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCormick from the Elks National Service Commission and his appointment to the Elks National Foundation. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson replaces Dr. McCormick on the National Service Commission. Mr. Kyle also announced the appointment of John McClennon, Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152, as his Secretary.

For the Lodge Activities Committee, Robert L. De Horthy, Elwood, Ind., Lodge, No. 368, was appointed Chairman. Other appointees to this Committee are: Edward A. Dutton, Savannah, Ga., Lodge, No. 183; Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Lodge, No. 932; C. A. Krenser, Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge, No. 1350, and Edwin J. Alexander, who was reappointed. The entire Youth Activities Committee was reappointed.

The Grand Exalted Ruler next received several gifts for which he expressed his appreciation. The 86th session of the Grand Lodge then was closed with a blessing by the Grand Chaplain.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

THE final session of the convention opened July 13 with an expression of appreciation by Grand Esquire Chelsie J. Senerchia for the assistance that his committee had received in planning and carrying out the many details of the Convention.

Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee, Arthur M. Umlandt, Muscatine, Ia., Lodge, No. 304, gave his report and introduced the members of the committee: Simpson Stoner, Greencastle, Ind., Lodge, No. 1077; Harold H. Hinckley, Pocatello, Ida., Lodge, No. 674; W. A. Wall, West Palm Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1352, and Robert E. Walker, Santa Ana, Cal., Lodge, No. 794. This year's national ritualistic champion is Greeley, Colo., Lodge, No. 809, with the high score of 96.1471. This lodge will receive not only the \$500 first prize but also a special trophy. Second award of \$250 went to South Bend, Ind., Lodge, No. 235. Third prize of \$125 to Oakland, Cal., Lodge, No. 171. Fourth prize of \$75 to Yuma, Ariz., Lodge, No. 476, and fifth prize of \$50 to Lansing, Mich., Lodge, No. 196. The members of Greeley team were introduced to the delegates.

Chairman Sidney Patterson, Augusta, Kan., Lodge, No. 1462, reported for the Auditing Committee. Complete details of his report may be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

Convention Committee Praised

In appreciation of the splendid work of the convention committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin offered a resolution expressing the gratitude of the Grand Lodge for the work done. This resolution was passed by a standing vote of the delegates.

The chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, gave an inspiring report for his committee. Brother Scileppi urged all Elks to be-

come active in helping and directing the youth of today. The hope of America is in the hands of American youth, he said, and already they have taken the initiative in far-off Asia to combat the destructive force of communism. Chairman Scileppi expressed his faith in American youth and insisted that it is for the adults to keep pace with them. The awards of \$300 were made by the Youth Activities Committee to the 11 zone winners in the Scholarship Contest, the funds for which were given by the Elks National Foundation. O. R. Peters, Exalted Ruler of Princeton, W. Va., Lodge, No. 1459, came to the platform to receive the special award—a beautiful trophy—given to his lodge for having conducted the most outstanding youth program during the year. The Exalted Rulers of 26 other lodges who received honorable mention also came forward to receive an award. The report of the committee then was approved and filed.

Thanks from 21,500 Elks

Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz expressed his appreciation, on behalf of 21,500 Elks of Florida, to the delegates who came to Miami for the Convention. Next Sam Stern, Vice Chairman and Approving Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, and a member of Fargo, N. D., Lodge, No. 260, submitted the report of his committee, which was approved and filed. Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge, No. 173, Home Member of the Board, presented a report on applications for new charters; D. E. Lambourne, Secretary, offered resolutions concerning per capita tax and emergency contingent funds. Home Member Davis then returned and offered a resolution expressing appreciation for the outstanding work of Chairman Hugh W. Hicks, Jackson, Tenn., Lodge, No. 192, who has concluded his 5-year term as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, during the last two of which

submitted to the Grand Lodge at Miami in July.



ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION

Reporting to the Grand Lodge in session at Miami, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman, reviewed the work of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission during the fiscal year ending May 31st.

Memorial Building

Attendance at the Memorial Building, dedicated to the memory of the Elks who served in World Wars I and II, continues to gain. Visitors last year numbered 101,907, an increase of nearly 5,000. Nearly a million and a half people have visited the Building since it was opened 24 years ago.

The appraisal concern engaged to evaluate the building for insurance purposes finds a reproductive value of \$4,607,103.54; a sound value of \$4,292,822.10 and an insurable value of \$4,124,059.44. The building is fully covered against damage from the elements.

Since the Memorial Building is now a quarter of a century old, expenses of renewals and replacements increase each year and this condition is enhanced for the reason of maintenance deferred during the war years. During the past year these items, over and above ordinary expenses, amounted to \$13,299.98 and it is estimated that maintenance and repairs for the coming year will be approximately \$12,000. The operating and maintenance expenses of the building are paid out of surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine*, the amount for the past year being \$67,266.02.

Memorial Books

Demand for the memorial books continues. Reprints probably will be required within two years.

The Elks Magazine

In May, the official publication of the Order completed its 28th year of publication, with a total of 11,937,454 copies printed for the year, representing an increase of 502,844 over the previous year.

During the year five issues consisted of 60 pages, five of 52, one of 68 and one of 56, making a total of 684 pages. Total number of pages, including covers, was 680,187,604, an increase of 16,919,340. In line with the membership gains of the Order, 1,023,055 copies of the June, 1950, issue were printed, as compared to 979,

659 printed for the June, 1949, issue.

Surplus earnings of the Magazine were \$242,563.61. This was \$40,390.35 more than last year's surplus. Total operating income was \$1,160,851.49, as against last year's income of \$1,118,188.01, while operating expenses were somewhat reduced. Final net increased profit for the year, which includes a decrease of \$2,571.03 because of interest reduction, was \$40,390.25. During the year the cost of the paper on which the Magazine is printed was reduced and a large part of this saving was used to purchase better quality editorial material.

Total cost per capita of the publishing of the Magazine was 94½ cents and, of this, advertising income contributed 19½ cents, leaving a net per capita cost of 75 cents as compared to 78 cents last year.

As the Magazine frequently stresses in its pages, the advertising income is of great importance to the Order and for the year just closed income from advertisements was \$188,018.89, representing an increase over last year of \$2,564 and \$17,852.10 over the 1947-1948 period. It is gratifying to note that there was an increased percentage of smaller advertisements accompanied by a greater total volume of advertising income, always a healthy sign in publishing.

Public Relations

To keep pace with increased activities of the Order and Grand Lodge agencies, the public relations program was extended during the year. Results can be regarded as highly satisfactory and 5,971 press clippings totaling 41,200 column inches of newspaper space were received. Among the new activities publicized nationally were the observance of National Newspaper Week in October, the program launched by the new Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, attainment of the millionth member, The "Wake Up America" program and the U. S. Savings Bond Drive promotion sponsored by the Elks National Service Commission.

Other major publicity efforts were the Grand Lodge session at Cleveland, the national essay contest on "Why Democracy Works", coverage of the activities of Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson and publicizing, for the first time, of the appointment of District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers.

As an example of the extended publicity program under the direction of the Commission, the publicity given to the 1949 Convention may be cited. The three Cleveland papers published a total of 42 stories, including seven front page articles, and 62 photographs. This was more publicity than was given any convention in the memory of Chamber of Commerce officials. The event also was publicized nationally, with the result that 794 clippings were received, exclusive of the election of the Grand Exalted Ruler. This would not necessarily represent total press coverage. From the release about Mr. Anderson's election, 1,022 clippings were received.

The policy of releasing publicity through the Exalted Rulers whenever possible has proved so successful that it has become established practice and, in conformity to it, the Department maintained a continuous flow of material to Exalted Rulers and State Associations in connection with the Grand Exalted Ruler's visits. As a result, an even 1,000 press clippings covering Mr. Anderson's activities were received. This was in addition to his 16 radio talks and a television program appearance.

The national essay contest, which created so much favorable publicity the previous year, was climaxed with the presentation of the winner, 17-year-old Bill Johnson of McAlester, Okla., to President Truman at the White House in June by Grand Exalted Ruler Hall and Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan. The press associations gave this event, as well as young Johnson's activities while in the Capitol as a guest of the Order, wide coverage, including a photograph of the Grand Exalted Ruler and the boy in a three-way handshake with the President. This event made news all over the country and 2,862 clippings were received.

Another event that made good news for Elksdom was the initiation of our millionth active brother in February. A two-column matted photograph of the Grand Exalted Ruler and the millionth Elk, Raymond Cole of Bay City, Mich., Lodge No. 88, as well as a mimeographed news story, were distributed to all Exalted Rulers the day after Brother Cole was presented at the 82nd anniversary banquet of New York Lodge, No. 1. This

story was widely used, as shown by the 561 clippings received, the largest number ever obtained from a single release.

Launching of the Order's new youth program by the Youth Activities Committee was publicized by a release featuring the announcement of the offer of 11 regional scholarships, each worth \$300, to reward youth for leadership qualities. From this story, 295 clippings were received.

For the first time, an organized effort was made to publicize the appointment of District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. As soon as it was learned that an appointment had been accepted, a suggested story was mailed to the appointee, requesting that he fill in the blanks properly and distribute with his photograph to the press in his jurisdiction. Through fine cooperation, 301 clippings were received.

Other Programs

Working with the Elks National Service Commission, the Department publicized the "Wake Up America" program and the U. S. Savings Bond Drive. Two news stories on these activities, which were begun late in the year, were released and, as of May 31st, 225 clippings had been received.

Late last year a Lodge Bulletin Service was established and Bulletin editors report that they are finding the service very helpful. The mailing list was obtained through a survey which showed that 716 lodges now publish a bulletin. Releases also are sent to 340 lodges that do not publish a bulletin but want the service.

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

THE major activity of the Elks National Service Commission continues to be "our work in behalf of the disabled veterans", reported past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman. This work is being carried on in 146 hospitals, one or more of which is located in each of the 48 states.

The program varies according to the needs of the patient in each hospital, but in general includes professional and amateur entertainment, card parties, bingo, boxing and many other athletic events. Patients are taken to baseball, football and basketball games and also on fishing and theater parties. Aiming to impress upon the mind of the veteran that, no matter how great his handicap, he always will have the support of our Order, essential materials that will help him to become a useful member of his community are being provided. In many states, the program consists of occupational therapy to teach the patient to adopt an occupation that will enable him

Disposition of Earnings

Since publication of the *Elks Magazine* was initiated, aggregate surplus earnings have amounted to \$5,648,540.45, of which the Commission has already in previous years turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$4,893,048.54. This does not include \$67,266.02 paid this year for operating and maintaining the Memorial Building. The average annual contributions of the Magazine for the work of the Grand Lodge is \$180,000, utilized for improvements of the Elks Home at Bedford, Va., operation and maintenance of the Memorial Building, contributions to the Elks War Commission and the Elks National Foundation, establishment of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, currently amounting to \$380,000, and general Grand Lodge expenses.

This year the Commission reported that \$125,000 out of surplus earnings of the Magazine would be turned over to the Grand Lodge and that \$45,000 additional would be placed in the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund, making a total reserve of \$425,000. After these payments are made, the Magazine will have turned over \$5,130,314.56 to the Grand Lodge.

The report also contains an auditor's report, balance sheets and statements of income and expenses of the Magazine.

Membership of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission is: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman; John R. Coen, Vice-Chairman; John S. McClelland, Secretary; Michael F. Shannon, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, and James T. Hallinan, Treasurer.

to earn his own living when discharged from the hospital. Particularly outstanding work along this line is being done by the Elks of California and Massachusetts working through their Committees in co-operation with the Commission.

Fraternal Centers

Realizing the large number of boys under 21 being inducted into the Services, the Commission recommended the reopening of Elk Fraternal Centers. At the present time Centers are in operation in Trenton, N. J., adjacent to Fort Dix; Louisville, Ky., adjacent to Fort Knox; Columbus, Ga., adjacent to Fort Benning, and Wilmington, N. C., adjacent to the Marine Base, LeJeune. Every effort is made to make the centers the second homes for the youth of America. As with the Hospital Programs, the Centers are conducted by Elks with the generous support of their ladies. The experience that the Order obtained during the last

war has proved particularly helpful in establishing the type of Centers that have prompted hundreds of letters of appreciation.

Tucson Center

With over 300 in attendance, on January 7, under the leadership of Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight M. H. Starkweather, the Elks Fraternal Center of Tucson was opened. In attendance at this ceremony was General Roger Ramey, Commander of the 8th Air Force; Daniel E. Garvey, Governor of Arizona; E. T. Houston, Mayor of Tucson, as well as Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis. General Ramey in his address pointed out that there are 10,000 boys and girls being trained at Davis Monthan Field and that nothing was more important than the work of the Elks which does so much to keep up the morale of these young people. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis welcomed the boys and girls to the center and expressed the hope that they would enjoy its facilities.

In May, the Elks Fraternal Center in Waukegan, Ill., was formally opened with a ceremony attended by high-ranking Naval officers. This center serves an important function since it is near the Great Lakes Naval Station and Fort Sheridan, where there are approximately 25,000 service men and women.

"Wake Up America" Program

With a stirring letter from Chairman Hallinan to every Exalted Ruler, the "Wake Up America" program was initiated in March, designed to alert the members of the Order against communism and all other subversive elements. Subordinate lodges were asked to set aside an evening for a "Wake Up America" program centered upon the advantages and benefits of our American Way of Life. The letter was supplemented by an outstanding poster in color depicting Uncle Sam asleep. Then in April a second letter was sent to each Exalted Ruler along with a Proclamation for the local newspapers. Results of the campaign were outstanding and at the time that the commission report was made about 70 per cent of the Lodges had conducted a "Wake Up America" program.

U. S. Savings Bonds

Flag Day, June 14, marked the half-way point in the Independence Savings Bonds Drive and a letter was sent to all Exalted Rulers requesting that a report of the progress of the Bond Drive in the community be incorporated in the lodge Flag Day celebration. While initial results are encouraging, preparation of the report did not permit inclusion of the final results, although a most encouraging letter was received from the National Director of the Drive.

Finances

Finances for the regular program this year were secured through a balance of \$193,984.80 remaining from last year's budget; \$259,919.90 from Grand Lodge per capita assessment; \$25,000 appropriated to the Commission by the Grand Lodge for the expenses of office maintenance and \$6,751.25 donations from subordinate lodges to Fraternal Center Fund and other programs. This makes a total of \$485,655.95 as of May 31, 1950. Total expense of programs, including General Administrative Expenses and Elks Fraternal Centers, for the past fiscal year was \$234,254.03, leaving a balance of \$251,401.92.

Conclusion

Closing the report, the members of the Elks National Service Commission expressed appreciation for the work of the members of the subordinate lodge who made the year's outstanding program so successful. Membership of the Commission submitting the report was: Past Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman; Past Grand Exalted Rulers Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Secretary; Henry C. Warner, Vice Chairman; David Sholtz, Treasurer; E. Mark Sullivan, Assistant Secretary; George I. Hall, Assistant Treasurer; Frank J. Lonergan, Wade H. Kepner, Charles E. Broughton and G. E. R. Emmett J. Anderson.

Elks, 114 have subscribed for Honorary Founder Certificates, including 17 of the living Past Grand Exalted Rulers, and 84 are fully paid Founders.

Permanent Benefactor Subscriptions from lodges are 479, with 264 fully paid Benefactors. There are 32 Permanent Benefactor Subscriptions from State Associations, with 16 fully paid Benefactors. One District Association has a Permanent Benefactor subscriber, and 12 Individual Permanent Benefactor Certificates have been issued.

All Elks are invited to enroll as Participating Members of the Elks National Foundation. A Participating Certificate and bronze token or watch charm, symbolic of the Elks National Foundation, are given to any member who donates \$100 to the Fund.

Income Account

April 30, 1949 Balance.....	\$36,243.22
Income received during fiscal year ended April 30, 1950	
Bond interest	\$35,738.44
Dividends	57,989.10
	<u>\$93,727.54</u>
Transferred to Security Depreciation Reserve	9,372.75
	84,354.79
Available for distribution	120,598.01
Distributions	59,100.00
Balance April 30, 1950	61,498.01
Less Authorized Appropriations	
Cerebral Palsy fellowships	\$25,000.00
1949-50 "Most Valuable Student Awards"	12,000.00
1949-50 State Scholarships outstanding	3,600.00
Youth Activities Scholarships	3,300.00
	<u>43,900.00</u>
Balance Unappropriated	17,598.01

It announced that these expenditures paid out of Grand Lodge appropriations amounted to \$19,017.59.

According to the report, the total assets of the Elks National Foundation are \$2,512,377.99.

Among the activities of the Foundation covered in the Report are 11 Elks National Foundation Scholarships, of \$300 each, for award by the Youth Activities Committee to outstanding Youth Leaders, and the \$12,000 cash awards granted in connection with the "Most Valuable Students" of the school year contest. In addition, a fund has been established to assist children of Elks killed or incapacitated in World War II.

In other fields of philanthropic endeavor the Foundation has endorsed and assisted the State Associations in worthy projects, such as hospitals for tubercular patients, clinics for rehabilitation of crippled children, and other kinds of humanitarian work.

The membership of the Elks National Foundation Trustees submitting the report is: Past Grand Exalted Rulers John

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

THE most notable event of the year is our entrance upon a new venture in the field of humanitarian service to bring hope and opportunity for a happy, useful life to the thousands of little children and others handicapped by cerebral palsy", said Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, submitting the report to the Grand Lodge. To defray the expenses of doctors, therapists, nurses and technicians while they take special courses of training in the treatment of Cerebral palsy, \$25,000 was appropriated. Investigation by the Foundation has proved that the bottle neck in this problem is lack of trained personnel.

Principal Fund

For the year ending April 30, total Foundation receipts from all sources amount to \$203,455.86. This amount was added to the Principal Fund, making a total of \$2,373,432.25. The additions to the principal came from these sources:

State District Associations	\$ 5,950.00
Lodges	109,260.13
Individuals	88,075.73
Total	<u>\$203,455.86</u>

The Report expressed its appreciation of the Foundation Trustees for the generous spirit of cooperation of Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and the National Memorial and Publication Commission for space in the Elks Magazine devoted to the activities of the Foundation.

Special Contributions

Reference also was made to outstanding contributions, including \$6,000 from Byron T. Mills, Las Vegas, Lodge, No. 408, bringing his total donations to \$10,000.

Bequests were received from the Estate

of Fred H. Hanson, Omaha, Neb. and the Estate of George Hausser, Kelso, Wash., for \$1,000 and \$100, respectively.

Acknowledgment was made of the continued generosity of Queens Borough, New York, Lodge, No. 878, which donated an additional sum of \$6,400. Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge, No. 1415, donated \$5,000.

In response to an appeal of Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, numerous pledges of contributions were received from lodges and individuals in New York for substantial initial payments. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, assisted by President Frank C. Holitz of Colorado State Elks and his Committee, brought to the Foundation outstanding donations from lodges and individual members in Colorado.

Founder Certificates

Nineteen of the 48 States show every lodge as subscribing for Honorary Founder Certificates. The list is as follows:

California	Minnesota
Connecticut	New Hampshire
Delaware	New Jersey
Illinois	New York
Iowa	North Dakota
Maine	Pennsylvania
Maryland	Rhode Island
Massachusetts	South Dakota
Michigan	Vermont
	Wisconsin

Eleven other States are close competitors for this distinction.

The report announces that 426 lodges now are subscribers for Honorary Founders Certificates. Of these 918 are fully paid Founders; 47 State Associations subscribe for Honorary Founders Certificates, with 43 fully paid Founders. One Territorial Association is a subscriber and 11 District Associations subscribe, with 4 fully paid Founders. For individual

F. Malley, Chairman; Raymond Benjamin, Vice-Chairman; Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary; the Late Past Grand Exalted

Ruler Murray Hulbert, Treasurer; Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Charles H. Grakelow, Robert S. Barrett and L. A. Lewis.

6, of the Constitution, provides that the Section read as follows:

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

THIS year, the Committee on Judiciary rendered 245 formal opinions interpreting the Laws of the Order, which makes a total of 719 formal actions by the Committee, reported Chairman Earl E. James, Oklahoma City, Okla., Lodge, No. 417. The activities consisted of approved or disapproval of subordinate lodge by-laws; articles of incorporation and corporation by-laws; building applications and publication permits. Chairman James expressed the appreciation of the splendid cooperation the Committee had received from the Grand Exalted Ruler and the members of the Order.

Annotated Statutes

Work on the 1950 Edition of the "Annotated Statutes of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America" has been completed. This work includes the history of the Opinions and Decisions of the Judiciary Committee, a number of the Decisions of the Grand Forum, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, a Summary of Contents and 241 Sections of Grand Lodge Statutes, the Rules and Order of Business in the Subordinate Lodge, Grand Forum Procedure, Incorporation of the Order, Guide Forms for the Organization of State Associations, Guide Forms for Installation of Officers of the State Associations, Guide Forms for Past Exalted Rulers Associations, a number of Special Decisions covering tax matters and 2264 opinions construing and interpreting 241 of the Grand Lodge Statutes. In fact, the book contains 99 per cent of the answers to questions that are likely to arise in the subordinate lodges. It is expected that copies of the book will be available from the Grand Secretary in about three months. Mr. James urged all lodges to bring their by-laws down to date, as required by Section 173 of the Grand Lodge Statutes, and to submit three copies to a member of the Committee of Judiciary for approval.

Amendments

The balance of the report considered Amendments to Sections 99, 208 and 209; the creation of a new Section 179-A, and an Amendment to Article III, Section 6, of the Constitution.

All of the Amendments presented by the Committee were adopted.

The Amendment to Section 99 provides that petitioners for the dispensation for a new lodge shall have been residents in the jurisdiction of the proposed lodge for six months instead of two years as previously provided.

The Amendment to Section 208 elimi-

nates the creation of any new Club Corporations separate from the lodge.

The Amendment to Section 209 changes the Club Room government from elected officers and trustees by a lodge, to the four chair officers of the lodge and the trustees. It also limits all House Committees to from three to 13 members.

Additionally, it eliminates the provision naming a House Committee a "Board of Governors".

The new Section 179-A, provides for the dropping of a member from the lodge for indebtedness to club or lodge.

The Amendment to Article III, Section

"The Grand Lodge shall meet annually in regular session.

The Grand Exalted Ruler, with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees, shall fix the time and place of holding the regular session. The Grand Exalted Ruler may convene the Grand Lodge in special session as provided by statute."

This Amendment will be presented to the subordinate lodges for approval.

The membership of the Committee of Judiciary submitting the report is: Earl E. James, Chairman; John C. Cochrane, Toledo, O., Lodge, No. 53; John L. Walker, Roanoke, Va., Lodge, No. 197; H. L. Blackledge, Kearney, Neb., Lodge, No. 984, and A. W. Parnell, Appleton, Wis., Lodge, No. 337.

LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

THE annual report of the Lodge Activities Committee reveals a year packed with intensive effort and successful promotion, highlighted by the Million Member program.

With the slogan "Make Your Best Friend One of the Million" as its rallying cry, the Committee launched the program in August with a Red Letter to all lodges calling for action to halt lapsation, step up reinstatements and add new members. The Committee sponsored a Stray Elks Roundup in October, when these Elks were guests of lodges at an evening of fun and entertainment.

Two special classes—the Emmett T. Anderson in December and, later on, the Millionth Member—stimulated interest and enthusiasm. Not overlooking a vital aspect of the campaign, the Committee also sent a forceful selling letter to all lodge secretaries urging special cooperation in January to stop lapsations and to encourage reinstatement. The response was very gratifying and the Committee is convinced that its efforts along these lines in particular played a major role in the successful campaign.

When the goal of a million members was reached early in February, the Committee, concerned lest late lapsation drop the membership below the million-mark when the books closed on March 31, telegraphed an appeal to all lodges for an intensified, last-minute effort.

As a result of the wide and enthusiastic cooperation that all ranks throughout the Order gave to the Committee's hard-hitting drive, the year ended with the membership nearly 5,000 above the magic million.

At the outset, the Committee sent each lodge an outline of the program for the year to enable them to cooperate more fully with the various projects to be undertaken. Among these was National

Newspaper Week in October. The Committee believes that the Order's observance of this event was one of the greatest public relations and good will endeavors ever undertaken by any fraternal group, and should be repeated.

In this regard, retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson heartily agrees, and in one of his recommendations to the Grand Lodge has suggested that Newspaper Week programs be urged and promoted in all our lodges each year.

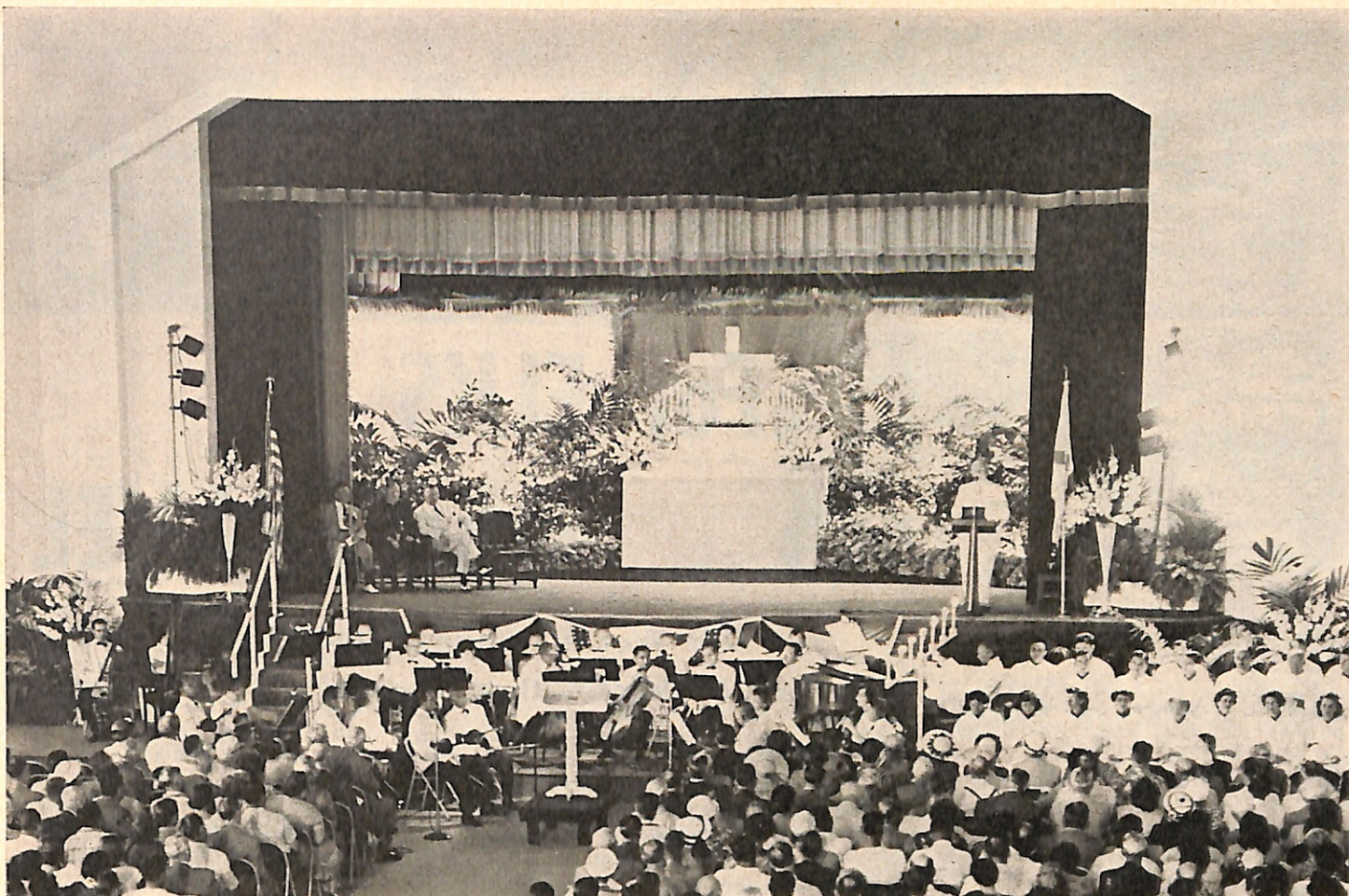
A special bulletin was sent to every lodge urging preparation of a Memorial Sunday Service that would be a credit to the entire Order. Awards to those lodges which conducted the most outstanding Services were made at the Miami Convention. Awards in the Lodge Bulletin Contest also were made at that time; interest in this particular competition was particularly high this year.

At the direction of Grand Exalted Ruler Anderson, the Committee asked all lodges to give special attention to Mother's Day. The response was splendid and citations for excellence were awarded at the Grand Lodge Convention, with a report on the Committee's opinions of the Services appearing in our July issue.

Cooperating with the Elks National Service Commission, the Committee distributed a color poster promoting the Order's leading role in the U. S. Treasury Independence Savings Bond Drive, as part of the traditional Flag Day observance.

A reissue of the *Exalted Ruler's Handbook* was distributed in April for the benefit of those assuming office at that time.

The Committee rendered assistance to several lodges which desired to organize Past Exalted Rulers' Associations, providing them with sample constitutions and by-laws.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, at right, delivered an inspiring eulogy on Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert at the Grand Lodge Memorial Services. Seated at left are Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, Grand Chaplain the Reverend Father James E. King and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland.

THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICES

IN A SETTING of palm leaves, tropical foliage and flowers, the Memorial Services for the 86th Session of the Grand Lodge in Miami, Fla., opened in the Bayfront Park Auditorium at the hour of eleven, Wednesday, July 12, with a playing of the first movement of Tschaiowsky's Sixth Symphony by the Orchestra of the Philharmonic Society of Greater Miami. As the music from the Symphony concluded, the Philharmonic Chorale entered the auditorium and formed a Processional down the center aisle, after which the Chorale sang "The Heavens Are Telling", from Haydn's "The Creation."

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles H. Grakelow, John S. McClelland, John F. Malley and Grand Chaplain The Reverend Father James E. King then took

their seats on the stage of the Auditorium. After an invocation by Grand Chaplain King, Miss Mary Braun Davies sang Gounod's "Ave Maria".

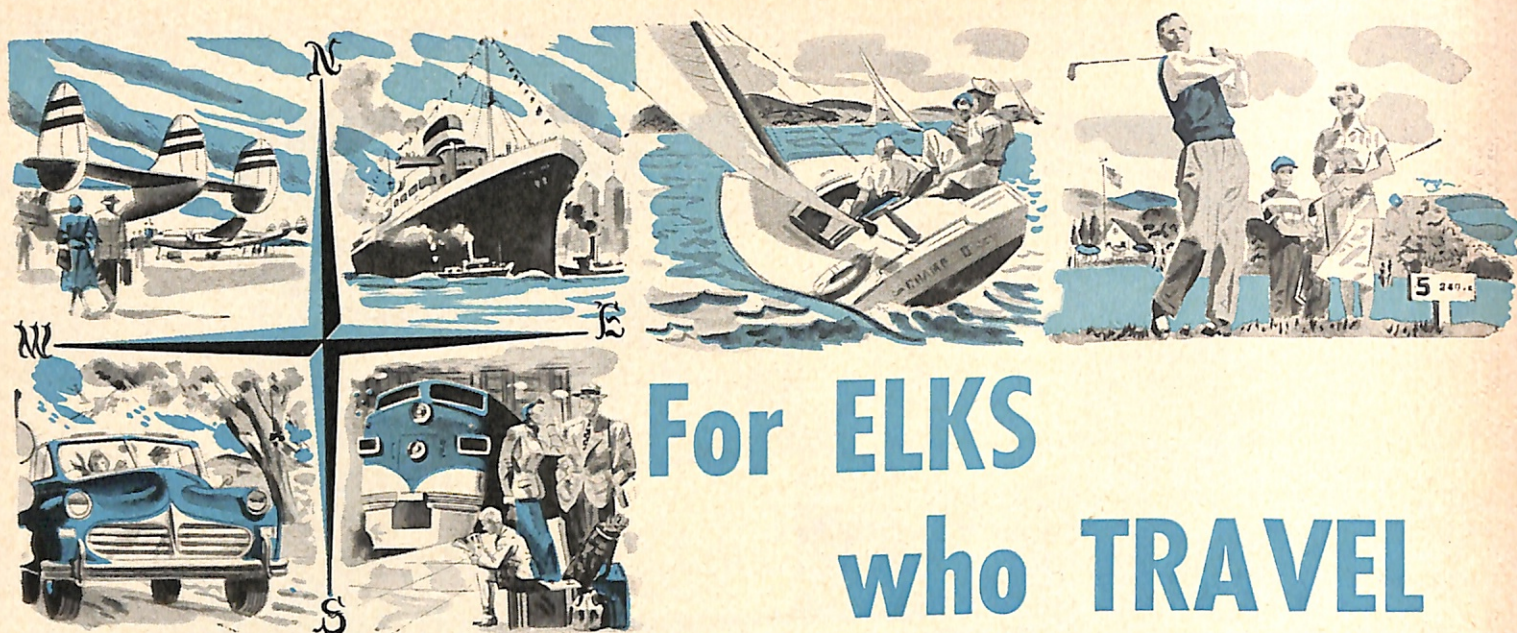
IN INSPIRING words, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley delivered an eulogy on Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert. It was particularly fitting that Mr. Malley deliver this message since he presided as Grand Exalted Ruler when Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert took office at the Convention in Miami 22 years ago. Reminding the Grand Lodge of Mr. Hulbert's lifelong devotion to America and Elksdom, Mr. Malley spoke movingly of him as a friend and an inspiration to the Order.

A tenor solo by Harry Graham, who sang "The Lord's Prayer", followed and

then the Malotte Chorale sang "Souls of the Righteous".

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland delivered an eulogy for the 13,217 members of the Order deceased during the past year and reminded the Grand Lodge that the Memorial Service, not only at the Grand Lodge Session but also at the subordinate lodge, serves a symbolic purpose and reminder for the Order.

The soprano and tenor soloists sang from Handel and Schubert, after which the Philharmonic Chorale, a splendidly trained group, sang Gounod's "Unfold Ye Portals". A benediction by Grand Chaplain James E. King followed and the Grand Lodge of Sorrow concluded with "Taps" by a soloist in the Orchestra accompanied by the entire group.



BY HORACE SUTTON

THE handy thing about Canada is, that no matter in what part of the United States you live, there is some part of the Dominion due north of you. There is a piece of Canadian vacationland for every

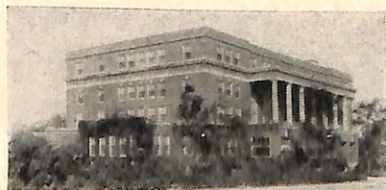
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SCRANTON, Pa., No. 123

A few accommodations available. Advance notice appreciated.

PLANNING A TRIP? Travel information is available to Elks Magazine readers. Just write to the Travel Department, Elks Magazine, 50 East 42nd St., N. Y., stating where you want to go and by what mode of travel. Please print name and address. Every effort will be made to provide the information you require. Because of seasonal changes in road conditions, if you are traveling by car be sure to state the exact date that you plan to start your trip.

American, even tardy ones. Those of you who have been lazying away the summer in the bottom of a hammock without having taken what they call a "real vacation", can still find plenty of activity up north. Since Canada isn't exactly tropical, most of the big, rambling summer lodges and hotels close early in September—but hunting, fishing and sightseeing run late into the season.

If horsing in a ton of tuna is your idea of a good time, September is the season at Wedgeport in Nova Scotia, where the yearly rod and line catch weighs about a quarter of a million pounds. It will take about \$40 a day, four in a boat, for a charter craft, which is some ten to twenty dollars cheaper than the fees at the Long Island and Florida ports. Nova Scotia's roads are good, and should you want to sightsee, have a look at Grand Pré in the Evangeline Country, a park dedicated to the Acadians who were expelled from their homeland on September 10, 1755. An ivy-covered church built by Acadian descendants stands in the park, surrounded by aged willow trees brought from France by the original settlers. A statue of a wistful Evangeline has been erected on the green.

BIG GAME AND SMALL

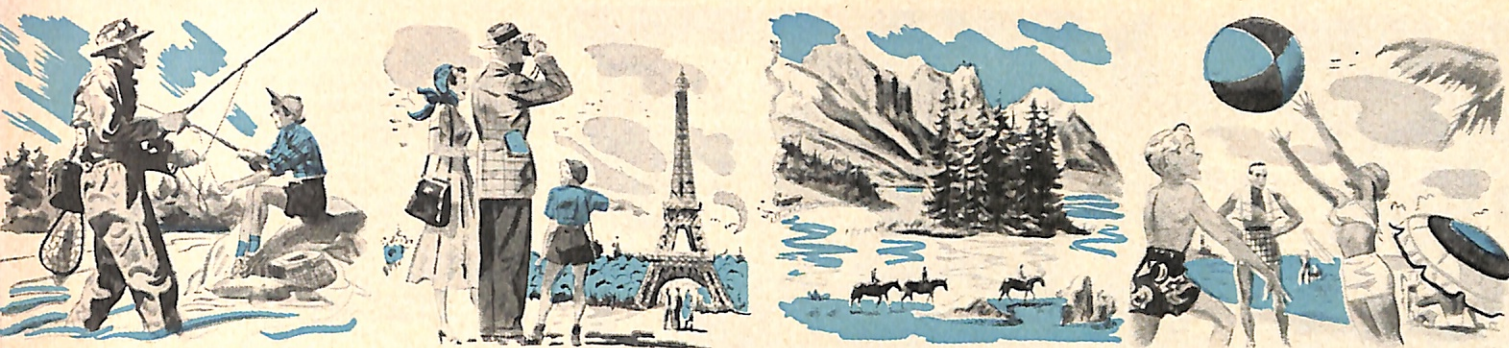
There are some 12 million acres of woodland in neighboring New Brunswick, most of them chock full of big game and small. Fall is the season for red deer and black bear, and New Brunswick has more of them within its borders than it has people. Although there may be anxious cry from other counties, N.B. is generally credited with having some of the best woodcock, ruffed grouse and partridge lands in North America. October is open grouse season. Moose hunting in Canada

now is limited virtually to a few selected areas in the Province of Quebec. Although hunters have taken few moose recently, 47 big horns were killed by railroad trains in the Chapleau District of Ontario during the last two years. Anybody really thirsty for moose blood better hire a special train.

Rubbernecks rolling through Quebec will find things a good deal less crowded after the peak summer season is over. In mid-July it is nothing to find yourself at the end of a line of 40 hungry guests waiting to get in the panelled, handsome dining room of the Canadian Pacific's elegant Chateau Frontenac. On brisk fall afternoons tea at the Chateau is an occasion. A string quartet, done up in breeches and wigs, plays a musicale. You sort of expect one of them to turn out to be Harpo Marx. Dufferin Terrace, a broad promenade beside the hotel in good weather, becomes a toboggan slide with the first snows. The Chateau's own outdoor skating rink is nearby.

If you don't mind having your front view shadowed by a horse, then see Quebec in a victoria or a calèche—a two-seater rig. The French-Canadian driver will act first as a steward—covering you with Buffalo rugs if the wind is cool, and as a guide—pointing out the Plains of Abraham where Wolfe and Montcalm met and died, not to mention the fortified Citadel. Should you be allergic to horses, the Gray Line operates a 15-mile, one-and-a-half-hour tour of Quebec several times a day, and there are two after-dinner pleasure drives around the city. A Gray Line tour swings up to Ste. Anne de Beaupré, a shrine dedicated to the mother of Mary, and often called the Lourdes of North America.

La Bonne Ste. Anne was a favorite



saint of the early Normans and Bretons who sailed out to build a new France on the Canadian coast. Sailing the St. Lawrence in 1650 a crew of Breton sailors were caught in a storm and appealed to Ste. Anne for deliverance. Next day their ship was beached near the spot where the Basilica is located. The sailors, all except a cripple named Louis Guimont, built a chapel to Ste. Anne. Louis could only hobble in with three stones for the foundation. He was cured immediately and became the first recipient of a miracle at the new shrine.

YEAR-ROUND PLAYGROUND

Fall foliage fanciers will find a short but magnificent display in the Laurentian Mountains north of Montreal. From the east, Colonial Airlines will have you in Montreal (from New York) in 105 minutes, whence you can connect via Wheeler Airlines directly to Gray Rocks Inn. An all-year-round playground, Gray Rocks has a nine-hole golf course, a stable full of horses, and offers barbecues by torchlight on the nearby islands. You can use the inn as a base and hire one of Wheeler's seaplanes for a hop into one of six leased fishing camps, each staffed with cooks and guides. Every autumn Wheeler flies a party to a leased camp area on Hudson Bay for a goose and duck hunt.

If you like a small inn, Manoir Pinoteau, near Mont Tremblant, is famous for its coziness and its cuisine. Although Pinoteau is fairly high-priced for the Laurentians (about \$15 for a de luxe room and bath), it offers three formidable meals every day prepared by a Swiss chef, once of Claridge's in London; swimming from its private beach; boating and sailing on Lac Tremblant, and riding on the wooded trails. There is dancing nightly in Pinoteau's bar, a mellow place equipped with a French-speaking juke box.

A larger establishment is Laurentide Inn at St. Agathe des Monts, a famous winter resort, but a comfortable place to sprawl in fall or summer. To get the guests together, Laurentide throws an on-the-house cocktail party every Monday afternoon. Tea is served daily and dutifully in the Yacht Club, a pickled cedar

room with picture windows that overlook the lake and a miniature mountain known as the Little Alp. In Piedmont the Mont Gabriel Club does a summer and fall business under a thatched roof which is kept in trim by a pair of hungry goats. There is a swimming pool smack on the front lawn, and on Sundays there's a candlelit buffet supper. If the nights are warm enough there are Virginia Reels on the terrace, the owner being a gentleman of sub-Mason-Dixon heritage. Most of its rooms have wood-burning fireplaces.

Toronto, big and commercial, is no sightseeing city, but those coming up from the States late in the season shouldn't miss the "Ex". The "Ex" is Toronto's word for its mammoth fair—called, officially, the Canadian National Exhibition. Held on permanent fair grounds each year from the end of August through the first few weeks of September, the "Ex" takes in everything from water skiing to swine judging. About two and a half million people spin through the turnstiles up there every year, half of them border-crossing Yankees.

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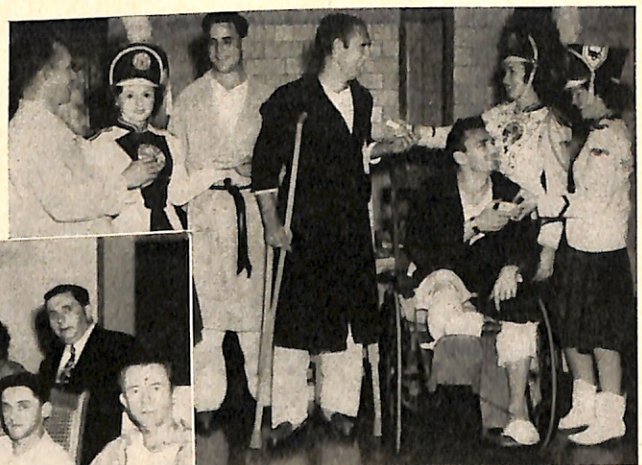
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Left: These Elk patients won second prize in a unique contest staged at the Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque. The veterans decorated their wheelchairs in the manner of parade floats, showing remarkable imagination and ingenuity.

Below: Glendale, Calif., Lodge's Veterans Welfare Committee Chairman John L. Foley, second from right, presents an electrical saw and lathe to the workshop at Birmingham Veterans Hospital, represented by Assistant Manager T. Fowler.



ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION



Above: Houston, Tex., Lodge holds monthly Elk Nights at the local VA Hospital. Elkadies in snappy drill uniforms distributed cigarettes, candy and cigars to all veterans in the wards and auditorium.

Above left: Everyone at the Veterans Hospital this particular evening when the Rhode Island Elks put on an outstanding show seemed to have a wonderful time.



Left: Photographed at Tomah Veterans Hospital when the Wisconsin Elks staged a show for the patients there are the cast, and Elk Committeemen and other officials, including State President William I. O'Neill, State Elk Veterans Committee Chairman H. E. White, D.D. R. W. Piquette and officers of Madison and La Crosse Lodges.



High on a hill-top, this porch-enclosed building houses tubercular Elks who are guests of the Arizona Elks Assn.

Arizona State Elks Hospital

IN A THOUSAND ways our Order gives concrete manifestation of that spirit of Brotherly Love which we hold to be a cardinal virtue. It would be difficult, however, to point to any that does Elksdom greater honor than the Hospital operated by the Arizona State Elks Association as a haven for members suffering from tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases.

Among the thousands attracted to southern Arizona by its friendly climate with its promise of restored health, were Elks from all sections of the country. Some of them not only were ill, but also in need of financial assistance, and they turned in their distress to Tucson Lodge No. 385. Whatever their need, Tucson Elks ministered to these unfortunate Brothers, assuring them of adequate care. Eventually, the burden became too great for the resources of one Lodge and, as so often happens, the problem was recognized as an opportunity for greater service. In 1931 the Arizona State Elks Association embraced the opportunity by purchasing a small hospital near Tucson which today has grown to a \$100,000 institution and which over the years has provided the finest care obtainable anywhere to Elks—rich and poor alike—from every state in the Union.

The Hospital is financed chiefly by contributions from Arizona lodges. These are supplemented by generous contributions from lodges of other states, especially California and Nevada; by individual Elks of Arizona who have a custom of contributing annually on their birthday one cent for each year of their age plus a nickel; by proceeds from Hospital benefits staged by wives of Arizona Elks and by substantial gifts from the Elks National Foundation.

A Hospital Fund drive among Arizona

Elks in 1949 left the institution free of debt and with a \$10,000 operating surplus.

Only five minutes by car from downtown Tucson, the long, low Hospital sprawls across a hill-top in a picturesque desert setting. From its enclosed porches, cooled by great shade trees and constant breezes, patients soak up the sun while enjoying a relaxing panorama of valley stretching away to the mountains rising in the distance. The 40 acres that surround the hospital assure quiet and privacy, and its 300-foot elevation above the city frees it of all dust and smoke.

The Hospital is completely equipped with the most modern facilities and its medical staff is composed of outstanding specialists, many of them Elks, in the field of respiratory ailments. Available to the patients are a library with several hundred volumes, augmented regularly by the Book of the Month Club selections, and magazines. Movies are shown through the cooperation of the University of Arizona, which provides films, and the Tucson lodge, which furnishes projection equipment. A high spot of the Hospital recreation program is the Christmas season, when Arizona Elks, abetted by their Brothers from far and near, see to it that the season is as festive as possible for all the patients.

THE Hospital is the fruit of the hard work and interest of many, but outstanding among them are a few men—and one woman—who have devoted themselves to its success. Among these is Jacob Gunst, a Past Exalted Ruler of Tucson lodge, who was the prime mover in initiating the Hospital project and served as Chairman of the Hospital Board of Control until 1939. A year after the Hospital was opened, M. H. Starkweather was named

Secretary-Treasurer, a position he held until July of 1949, when he resigned at the conclusion of the successful fund drive. During his 17 years as guiding genius of the Hospital, Brother Starkweather placed its finances on a sound footing and brought it to its high standard of service.

Present members of the Board, all Past Exalted Rulers of their lodges, are: Max Klinger, Tucson, Chairman; Claude H. Webber, Tucson, Treasurer; A. W. Crane, Phoenix; Joe Mayer, Globe and James B. McLay, Yuma. Brothers Crane and Mayer are veteran members of the Board, which is elected annually by the State Association.

The woman whose faithful service and motherly interest in the patients went far beyond the call of duty is Miss Margaret A. Thomas, who served as Superintendent from the day the Hospital was opened until July, 1949. All over the country are Elks who cherish the memory of the care she gave them and the deep, personal interest she took in their welfare. Miss Thomas was succeeded by W. E. Bagley.

Patients are expected to defray their own expenses in accordance with their ability to pay, with a minimum of \$2 per day, an astonishing figure that pays tribute to the Hospital's management. But the doors of this Hospital are never closed to a Brother who is unable to pay even the minimum. Loving Charity reigns there.

A member desiring admittance to the Hospital should make application through his lodge secretary directly to the superintendent of the Hospital. Every application is given prompt and sympathetic consideration in keeping with the humanitarian spirit that prompted the Elks of Arizona to begin this project and carry it forward so successfully.

News of the Lodges

● **MILES CITY, MONT.,** Lodge, No. 537, has made a magnificent gift to the Holy Rosary Hospital, with the presentation of a sizable check to cover the cost of furnishing the pediatrics floor of three wings of the institution. The estimate, requested by Chairman Chris Janson of the Elks Bucks Club, covers the purchase of 25 beds, mattresses, venetian blinds, sun porch furnishings, as well as furniture, toys and books for the playroom. A plaque is being placed at the entrance to the pediatrics department giving credit to the Elks for this fine gift. A most heart-warming letter of appreciation has been received by the lodge from the Presentation Sisters who are in charge of the hospital.

Much of the work done by the Elks for the youth of the county is continuous, with hundreds of children receiving glasses, dental work, tonsillectomies and operations—all as gifts of the B. P. O. E.

● **SAN DIEGO, CALIF.,** Lodge, No. 168, in 1924 donated to the Natural History Society a case containing four mounted elks. The case bears a plaque attesting to this fact. During the recent war, the Navy took over the building for hospital purposes and all exhibits were stored away. When the building was returned to the San Diego Society of Natural History, the work of restoration was brought to the attention of the P.E.R.'s Assn. of No. 168, which agreed to underwrite the cost of several hundred dollars toward restoring the display. The case containing the San Diego Elks' gift was once again set in its original place at the main entrance to the building.

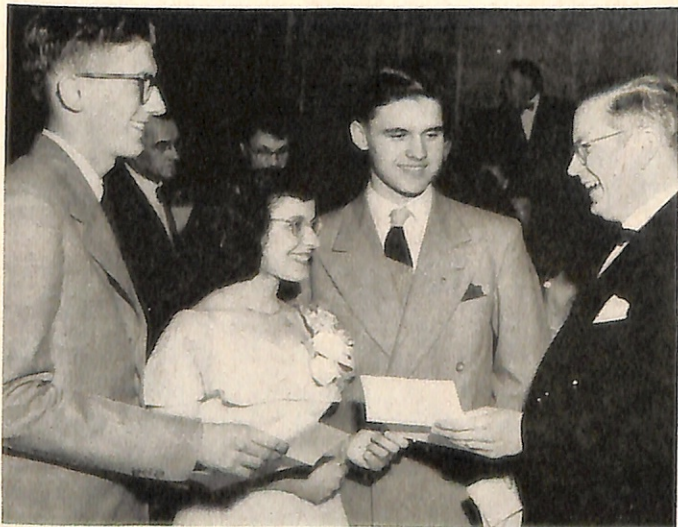


Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge's Sports Night was a star-studded event. Present were managers of the teams playing the opening baseball game, foreground; Bob Coleman, left, Milwaukee, and Tommy Heath, Minneapolis; rear, Brewer Pres. Jake Flowers, E.R. J. J. Arnold, Jack Dempsey, a surprise and very welcome visitor, and Rosy Ryan, General Manager of the Millers.

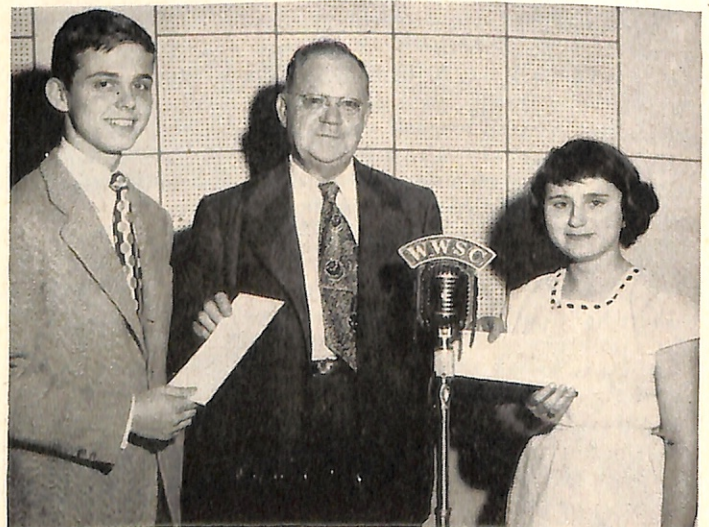
● **NEW ENGLAND** Elks honor Past Grand Est. Loyal Knight Riley C. Bowers on his birthday each year. This year, his 88th anniversary was celebrated at Barre, Vt., Auditorium, with the Vermont State Elks Assn. in charge. Mr. Bowers is a member of Montpelier Lodge, and a former Mayor.

Among the 300 friends on hand were two Past Grand Exalted Rulers, E. Mark

Sullivan and James R. Nicholson; Past Grand Treas. John F. Burke; State Pres. A. J. Mawn; State Secy. Roger J. Sheridan; former Grand Lodge Committeemen John T. Nelson and Charles F. Mann, D. D. Walton, C. Harwood, P.D.D. Archie Buttura, and a large number of civic officials including Mayor C. M. Willey of Barre and City Manager Wm. Corey of Montpelier.



Foundation Scholarships of \$300 each for the Ohio State Elks Association are presented by Ohio Scholarship Committee Chairman Paul M. Fithian, right, to M. M. Lotz, Elizabeth Cicatti and J. L. Carr.



Past Exalted Ruler Hedrick S. Max, Trustee of Glens Falls, N. Y., Lodge, Rodney Congdon, left, and Celia McCullough, winners in the Elks' scholastic quiz which was conducted over Station WWSC.

● **VALLEJO, CALIF.,** Lodge, No. 559, observed its Golden Anniversary with a two-day celebration, closing with a reception and dance in its magnificent and beautifully decorated home.

Events started at 7:30, followed by dancing, and at 11 p.m., Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis delivered the traditional Toast. At midnight a delightful buffet supper was served.

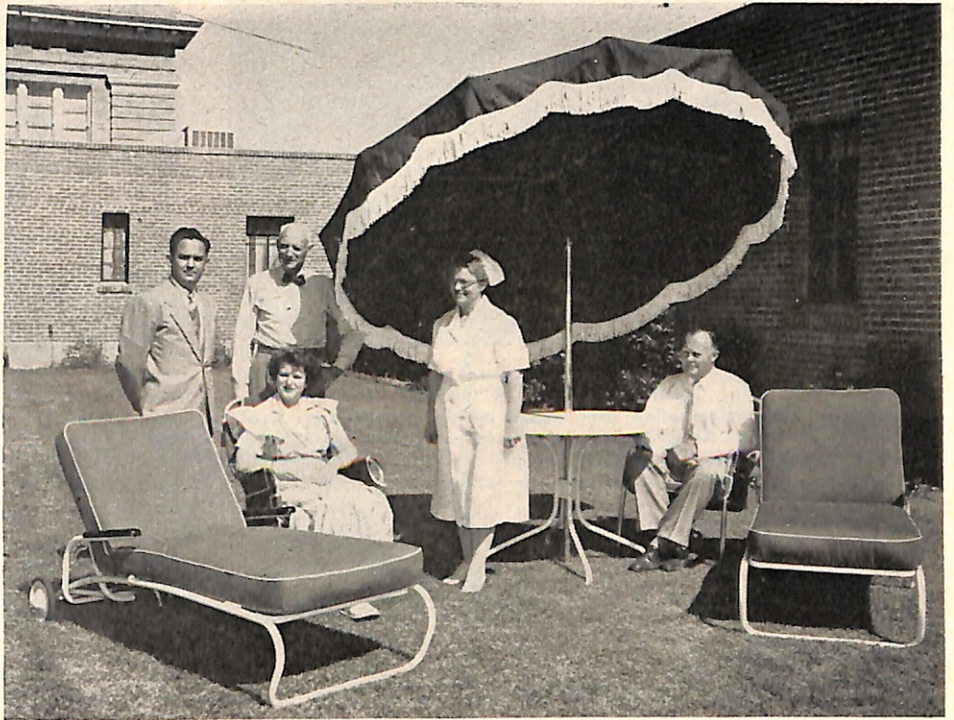
The first evening's observance was a dinner, attended by many visiting dignitaries, among them Mr. Lewis, Grand Est. Loyal Knight Harry B. Hoffman, and Horace Wisely of the Lodge Activities Committee. Another former State Assn. President in attendance was P.E.R. James Shanly of Oakland who had been present at the institution of Vallejo Lodge. The dinner was followed by a special meeting at which E.R. Wm. G. Elliott, Jr., presided and Honorary Life Memberships were presented to the five surviving Charter Members—John E. Brownlie, Robert E. Doyle and Wm. A. Kirkland, and, in absentia, P.E.R. Wm. T. O'Donnell and J. Gorham Nevins.

During the afternoon visiting members were guests of the local Elks at the Vallejo Golf Club, later making a tour of Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

As a souvenir marking the Jubilee, the lodge issued a handsome gold-paper program carrying the history of the lodge.

● **GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.,** Lodge, No. 575, celebrated its Golden Jubilee in May with a three-day observance in which the entire community participated. The lodge, which was instituted with 53 Charter Members, now boasts 1,021 active Elks.

Members of the Grand Junction group, joined by Elks from 30-odd lodges in Colorado and Utah were on hand for the gala dinner which marked the first evening's observance of the birthday, fol-



Year-old Mesa, Ariz., Lodge presented this attractive patio furniture to the Southside District Hospital. Left to right: Est. Lead. Knight Dr. D. G. Graham, Hospital Supt. Dr. Lloyd French, convalescing Veretta Furr, Supt. of Nurses Mrs. Lois Hanson and Exalted Ruler O. M. Johnson.

lowed by an initiation of 50 new Elks, the largest class in the history of No. 575. The following day was set aside for the grand Elks' Parade in which the Koshare Indian Dancers participated, putting on a special performance at a local stadium to which the public was invited. The final event was the dedication of the handsome new lodge building.

A special edition of the city's newspaper, *The Daily Sentinel*, was issued to commemorate this outstanding occasion, and it contained many interesting and worthwhile stories and photographs, covering the colorful history of No. 575, and paying tribute to the many outstanding

accomplishments of Grand Junction Lodge. The Elks' ladies also came in for a bit of publicity in this editorial, as did Eugene M. Welch, Secretary and Club Manager for 30 years. All this was read with interest by the many distinguished visitors who were on hand to participate in the celebration. Among them were Dr. George E. Nuckolls, former Grand Chaplain, G. A. Franz, President, and Frank Buskirk, Secretary, of the Colorado Elks Assn., and D.D. J. A. Wilmer.

The three-day affair wound up with a most enjoyable formal dance, the evening before the dedication ceremonies at which Dr. Nuckolls was the principal speaker.



Among the more than 200 fathers and sons at Grinnell, Ia., Lodge's recent athletic banquet were, left to right: Bucky O'Connor, Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach of the University of Iowa, Exalted Ruler Everett C. Armstrong, radio sportscaster Jim Zabel and Assistant Varsity Football Coach Ben Douglas of the University of Iowa.



P.E.R. W. H. Fieldcamp, right, presents San Jose, Calif., Lodge's \$1,000 toward a \$50,000 club house for Boys' City to E.R. John M. King.



The diamond-studded Sponsor's Trophy goes to the "Johns Team" of Kent, Ohio, Elks, handicap winners in the Elks National Bowling Tournament. Presentation was made by John Ackerman, right, President of the American Bowling Congress, who was the principal banquet speaker. Others are, left to right: Kent League Pres. Frank Gareri, Roy Hollister, and National Tournament Mgr. Paul Martin.



These four Watertown, N. Y., Elks took prizes in various handicap events in the Elks National Bowling Tournament. Left: G. W. Cughlin, singles champion, bowling 779 pins, winning a diamond-studded belt buckle and \$100; center: doubles champions Gerald Charlebois, Harold Williams rolled 1388, received belt buckles, \$150 each; right: Harry La Londe, third-place winner in the singles competition.

NEWS OF THE LODGES

● ELKS NATIONAL BOWLING ASSN.

Tournaments are always successful, but the 30th annual meeting in Cleveland was outstanding.

This tournament was operated on the handicap basis for the first time in the organization's history and had the largest number of entrants of all time. A total of \$30,441.60 in prizes was distributed, five-men, doubles and singles events.

A group of Kent, Ohio, Elks, bowling under the name of the "Johns Team", took the Sponsor's Trophy and Diamond Medals, with 3146 pins; five Cleveland bowlers won the actual pin fall in this event, in which there were 242 team entries.

In the two-men event, W. Thorpe and B. Detrick from Gary, Ind., won the pin-fall count, with Gerald Charlebois and Harold Williams of Watertown, N. Y., taking it for the handicap angle. There were 506 pairs of bowlers in this event.

When it comes to individual bowlers (there were 914 of them), a Hamilton, Ohio, entrant, B. Gruens, knocked down 672 pins. Under handicap in this event, G. W. Cughlin of Watertown, N. Y., ran off with the prize and the diamond medal.

At a meeting held in connection with this Tournament, Fred V. Sunkel of St. Louis was elected President for the year and it was decided that the 31st Tourney, with two-thirds handicap up to 200 pins, would be held in March and April, 1951, at St. Louis, Mo., with entries closing Feb. 15th, 1951. For information, contact E. N. Quinn, Secretary of the Association, P. O. Box 29, Madison 1, Wis.

● **IOWA CITY, IA.,** Lodge, No. 590, observed its 50th Anniversary with a dinner dance and Stag Banquet at which Lloyd Maxwell, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees was the principal speaker and P.E.R. Cloyde U. Shellady was Toastmaster.

Three of No. 590's Charter Members,

T. D. Kelley, Frank R. Hatch and Arthur J. Younkin received Gold Pins. Other honored guests were Rev. Fr. Leonard Brugman, Director of the Catholic Students' Center of the University of Ia., and Rev. H. F. McGee, Pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church. A recording of the Eleven O'Clock Toast was played, as delivered by the lodge's first E.R., Henry Louis, unable to attend because of illness.

The lodge distributed a very impressive Golden Anniversary Program booklet which contained a great deal of interesting data.

● **ALHAMBRA, CALIF.,** Lodge, No. 1328, recently dedicated its beautiful new home, at gala ceremonies. Modern in every respect, tastefully furnished and ready to answer any need of a fraternal building, the home is one which adds much to the general attractiveness of the entire community.

No. 1328 is one of the outstanding lodges in the West, its present Drill Team making an enviable name for itself throughout Southern California. One of the lodge's most devoted members is 76-year-old Ben Lyon, an Elk for 50 years, and a 35-year Honorary Life Mem-

ber. Mr. Lyon was a member of Parsons, Kans., Lodge, acting as its Secretary for ten years, before dimitting to Alhambra where he served as its Steward until 1947.

A recent successful event for Alhambra Lodge was its Fourth Annual Minstrel Show, presented just after the dedication of its home. The lodge's talented quartet participated in this show.

● **ROBINSON, ILL.,** Lodge, No. 1188, recently purchased equipment for speech correction and presented this valuable gift to the Crawford County Schools, where it will be of great assistance.

The equipment, E.R. Dean Graves announces, consists of a Crestwood Disc Recorder and Tape Recorder, which cost approximately \$700. The Tape Recorder is portable, for easy transmittance between schools.

Purchase of this equipment is in line with the Elks' program to rehabilitate crippled and otherwise handicapped children. Approximately 275 pupils received speech therapy during the past year; with this Elk donation the number of such children who will be aided during the coming 12 months will be increased measurably.

● **AUGUSTA, KANS.,** Lodge, No. 1462, is one of the most generous in the Order, as well as being actively interested in all phases of youth work. These Elks recently donated \$500 to the Quivira Council of Boy Scouts and \$450 to the Wichita Institute of Logopedics. And that isn't all; the lodge is hiring the Junior High School gym two night each month for use of a Pre-Teen Square Dance Club. This group of 11- and 12-year old youngsters are having a wonderful time learning to dance, and are extremely appreciative of the fact that the Elks have provided the room for it. The parents are responsible for getting the children to and from the gymnasium.

Notice Regarding Application for Residence At Elks National Home

The Board of Grand Trustees reports that there are several rooms at the Elks National Home awaiting applications from members qualified for admission. Applications will be considered in the order in which received.

For full information, write Robert A. Scott, Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Va.



E.R. W. H. Ward, his officers and their wives at Iowa City, Ia., Lodge's 50th Anniversary.



The latest group of Watseka, Ill., Elks stand behind the South Bend, Ind., Ritualistic Team which initiated them at ceremonies attended by Ill. State Assn. Pres. Willis G. Maltby.



At the 40th Anniversary banquet of Knoxville, Pa., Lodge, seated, left to right: Charter Member P.E.R. and Mrs. Edward Henning, Pittsburgh Councilman T. J. Gallagher, D.D. and Mrs. J. J. Neuhausel, Charter Member P.E.R. Wm. McClurg Donley, Charter Member P.E.R. C. J. Moye. Standing: Past Exalted Ruler L. N. Ross and Exalted Ruler Wm. A. McClone.



At the Sterling, Colo., Elks' Annual Athletic Awards program, these 51 high school students were honored. The lodge presented sweaters and S letters to first-time winners and gold charms to multiple winners. To qualify for awards, the school requires that athletes play 24 minutes of regular season conference competition in either basketball or football.

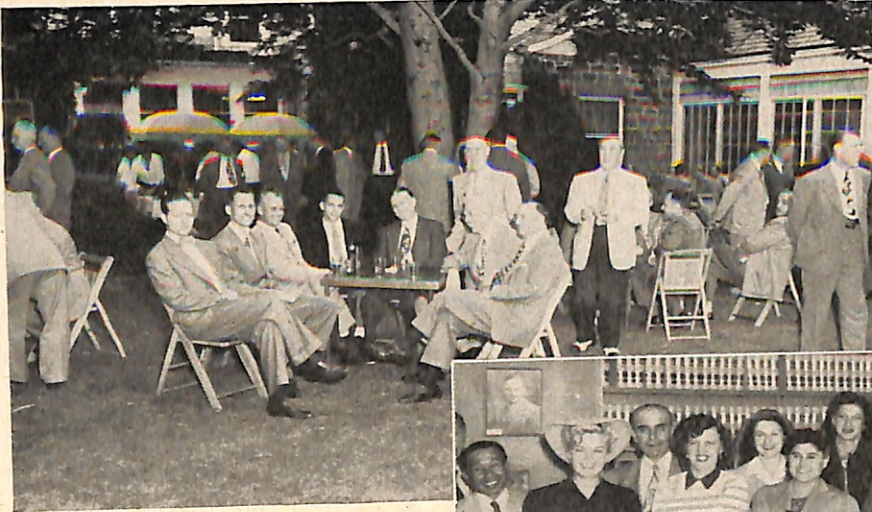


Antigo, Wis., Lodge's 49th Anniversary was observed with a P.E.R.'s Night. Left foreground is the only surviving Charter Member Dr. F. Kestley, pictured as he welcomed into the Fraternity the newest member of a class of 28, Edward Mattek, right foreground. Retiring Exalted Ruler Harold Prosser stands center and former lodge leaders stand in the background.

LODGE NOTES

ELMIRA, N. Y., Lodge was host to the Third Annual Recreation Leaders Institute sponsored by the City Recreation Commission and the Youth Division of the Council of Social Agencies. Youth leaders from the entire area attended this June meeting, and State Pres. Roy Martin was on hand to welcome the leaders of the conference . . . We heard from one of our readers that the resuscitator in the large news photograph used to illustrate the June 24th *Saturday Evening Post* article, "It Could Save Your Life", by Robert M. Yoder is one which was given to the community by the Elks of **DANVILLE, ILL.**, Lodge . . . **ESCONDIDO, CALIF.**, Elks sponsored an entertainment program at Edgemoor Farm, the old people's home, at Santee recently. The entertainers were 28 young high school students who put on a very enjoyable show for the 300 inmates of the Home. The group was accompanied by Loyal Knight Earl Schmeckle and Lead. Knight Jackson Settles . . . **NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO**, Lodge welcomed State Pres. E. Gene Fournace and a great many other prominent Elks on State President's Night, when the visiting dignitaries, local officers and P.E.R.'s Assn. members attended a dinner, followed by a meeting and social session. Pres.-Elect Nelson Stuart, Past. Pres. Joseph Fitzgerald and D.D. Lawrence Derry were also present . . . **PORTSMOUTH, VA.**, Lodge sent five boys to the Va. State Elks Assn. Camp for a two-week vacation. Fifteen additional youngsters are going off later on . . . L. P. Mangan, Sr., who recently retired as Trustee of **NEW BRITAIN, CONN.**, Lodge, after 15 years' service was guest of honor at a dinner attended by over 200 Elks and friends. Former Chairman James L. McGovern of the Lodge Activities Committee was principal speaker. At the head table were four of Mr. Mangan's five sons and two brothers. State Vice-Pres. Louis Olmstead and State Trustee James Holmes were also present . . . **CRISFIELD, MD.**, Elks are proud of one of their number, Eugene Wharton, who dove from the Jersey Bridge in Crisfield not long ago to pull from a watery grave a visitor from Miami, Fla., 72-year-old Ira Littleston, trapped in his car under 12 feet of water.

NEWS OF THE LODGES



At left: A scene shot during Hackensack, N. J., Lodge's Sixth Annual Golf Tournament, benefiting the lodge's Crippled Children's Fund.

Below: Enjoying the annual outing for patients at St. Joseph's Home for the Blind, sponsored by Jersey City, N. J., Lodge, are, left to right: E.R. N. W. D'Elia, Sister Gregory, Rose Schumacher, Sister Magdeline, Diana Gunio, P.E.R. W. F. Hopken, Committee Chairman.



Above: After taking the oath of citizenship in Superior Judge Anthony Brazil's Court, these 18 new American citizens were photographed proudly holding the American Flags and framed facsimiles of the Preamble to the Constitution presented to them by the Elks of Salinas, Calif. The lodge's Americanism Committee will continue this practice.



Dover, N. H., officers and members during their Memorial Day Services. P.E.R. T. J. Downs of Portsmouth Lodge was the principal speaker.

Below: Colonel Hunter A. Craycroft, left, pictured in his home on his 96th birthday with E.R. Dr. Devere E. Biser who read him a telegram of congratulations from Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson. Colonel Craycroft was Exalted Ruler of Dallas Lodge in 1892.



Litchfield, Ill., Lodge's \$1,000 check to furnish and equip this room is presented to the Community Memorial Hospital. Left to right: Est. Loyal Knight Robert Rodegast, Hospital Committeeman Emil Rahm, E.R. G. G. Gorin, P.D.D. Dr. C. P. Stuttle and Est. Lecturing Knight C. A. Griswold.

● **YAZOO CITY, MISS.,** Lodge, No. 473, won the never-ending gratitude of the community recently, when E.R. H. C. Nolte presented the lodge's gift of a \$500 resuscitator to Mayor W. S. Perry.

The city's police are now learning to operate this valuable equipment, which may be used on as many as six victims simultaneously. This donation is only part of the recently revived Community Service Program of No. 473.

● **HACKENSACK, N. J.,** Lodge, No. 658, received wide notice during the war years for the extensive entertainment work accomplished by its Cigarette Committee, pioneered by the late Saul Greenberg.

This Committee has continued its work and, during the past year, distributed over \$3,000 worth of cigarettes and other essential luxuries to the patients at Kingsbridge Hospital in Bronx, N. Y. C. Recently the members of the Committee honored Elk Greenberg's widow at a special dinner, attended by a great many dignitaries and their wives.

Another item of interest regarding No.

658's activities was the designation of Robert J. Freemyer as its Elk of the Year. A plaque is presented each year to the non-office-holding Elk selected by the lodge's P.E.R.'s Assn. as having performed outstanding service "over and beyond the call of duty."

Also newsworthy is the fact that No. 658 recently celebrated its 1,000th meeting, at which ashtrays were presented to all members whose birthdays occurred that month. E.R. L. B. Bicher, Jr., announced that 20 boys and girls were being sent by the lodge to summer camp, that Hackensack Lodge has provided two all-night attendants to care for paraplegic patients at the Kingsbridge, N. Y., Veterans Hospital, the result of a campaign waged by the above-mentioned Veterans Cigarette Committee. These Elks have also voted \$200 to complete the purchase of a \$1,600 special automobile for a paraplegic veteran. P.E.R. James Sayles reported for his Paraplegic Committee that of the 117 N. J. cases screened during the year, Elks aided 42 not qualified for Government help, at an expense of \$22,000.

A donation of \$500 was voted for the purchase of an automatic food-mixer for a local Boy Scout Camp kitchen which has already been equipped by No. 658; the Scouts have placed a plaque over the kitchen doorway to prove it. E.R. Bicher also had the pleasure of reminding the members that its handsome clubhouse has been completely paid for; he announced, too, that the Trustees have invested \$10,000 in Government Bonds, in line with the Grand Lodge program.

At the Hackensack Elks' Sixth Annual Golf Tournament, attended by over 300, and staged for the benefit of its Crippled Children's Fund, over 200 door prizes were awarded, in addition to a deep-freeze unit, radio-phonograph-television set and a \$200 set of clubs. Golf trophies went to high and low golfers, and the most honest and dishonest of the 160 participants. The Club Trophy, awarded each year, the original donated by P.D.D. R. L. Binder, is displayed at the clubhouse with the name of each winner engraved on it; a miniature replica is presented to the champion.



At a recent affair held by Geneva, N. Y., Lodge in connection with the Elks Youth Activities Program, nearly 1,000 persons jammed the high school auditorium to hear the many fine speakers. Pictured here, left to right, are D.D. Ludwig G. Voigt, Francis Krause, Athletic Director, Hobart College, Frank Leahy, famous Notre Dame University Football coach who was one of the main speakers, P.E.R. Francis W. Corwin and Co-Chairman Leo J. Veit of the Lodge's Youth Activities Committee.



St. Augustine, Fla., Lodge bought the first Bond a few minutes after the arrival of the replica of the Liberty Bell. Here, second from left, Major General Mark Lance delivers the Bond to E.R. Raymond D. Hill, whose lodge has given 100 per cent endorsement to the U. S. Savings Bonds Independence Drive. At left is County U. S. Bond Chairman X. L. Pellicer; second from right, Mayor-Commissioner Ronald Jackson, and right, Eddie Stacks, guard-driver of the truck which carried the bell.



An annual affair honoring civic officials, City and County Night at Los Angeles, Calif., Lodge attracted this group. Seated, left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon; well-known writer Rupert Hughes, guest speaker; Mayor Fletcher Bowron; standing: Program Co-Chairman Boyd Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney; P.E.R. George Beck, Jr., Program Co-Chairman George Chatterton, City Public Defender.



Officers of Farmington, New Mexico, Lodge are photographed with a group of Gallup Elks at the celebration of the second anniversary of Farmington Lodge's institution. E.R. John Baudino presented the first payment on a \$3,600 pledge for the new community hospital to Perry Smoak, representing the hospital. At the time this presentation was made, it was the first and only really large contribution received.

NEWS OF WESTERN LODGES



Oklahoma City, Okla., Lodge's Boxing Team members receive their awards of jackets bearing the Elks Emblem. Center foreground, Coach Chief Parris, erstwhile top lightweight boxer.

● **JAMESTOWN, NO. DAK.,** Lodge, No. 995, has just completed a remodeling job at an expense of \$200,000. This entire sum has been paid, and the Jamestown Elks now have a home whose value has been estimated to be \$450,000. Air-conditioned throughout, with the latest equipment, the building is decorated in the most tasteful modern design.

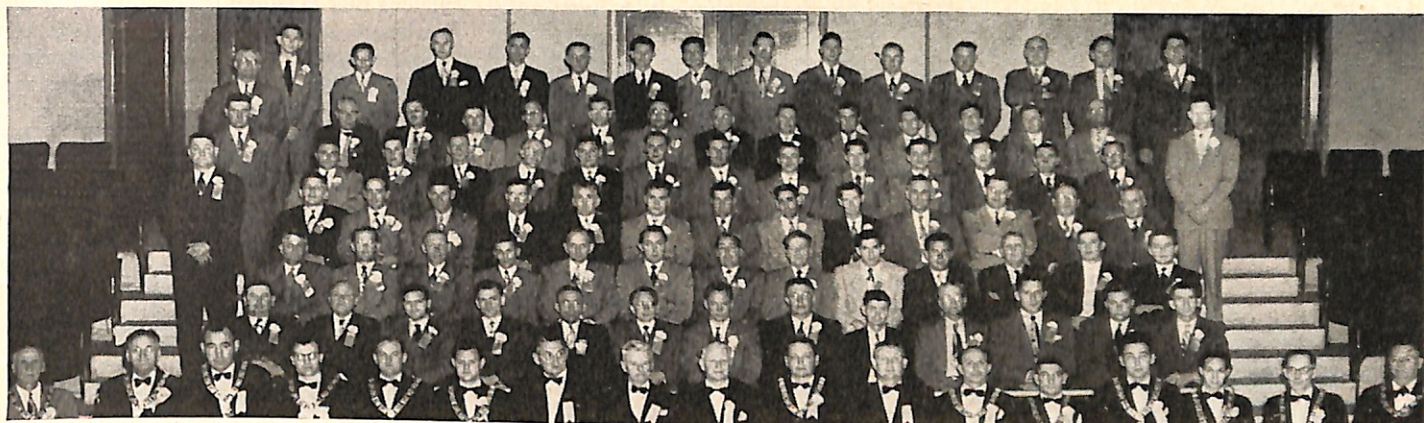
Late in June the home was opened with a three-day series of affairs. The first was for Elks only, with general inspection, smorgasbord, and a lodge meeting at which a class was initiated by the State Ritualistic Championship Team from Devils Lake. The following day was open house for Elks and their ladies; this program was repeated the third day.

Every visitor signed the guest book, and in the three days nearly 1,500 persons had registered, with over 160 out-of-town Elks from 22 cities in nine States.

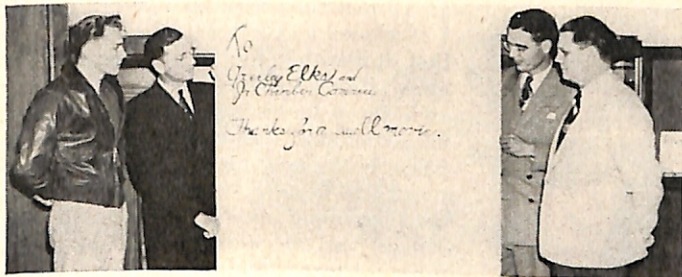
● **SACRAMENTO, CALIF.,** Lodge, No. 6, entertained Grand Est. Loyal Knight Harry B. Hoffman at a recent initiation, closing the lodge year. Socially marking the end of the term, No. 6 held a formal ball honoring retiring E.R. Howard Lidster and his wife.



Sacramento, Calif., Lodge recently initiated this group in honor of P.E.R. Howard Lidster, sixth from left foreground.



Above: This group of Americans is the 50th Anniversary Class of Iola, Kans., Lodge with their officers, pictured in the foreground.



Left: The scroll wasn't large enough for the signatures of all 700 children who witnessed a theatrical performance as guests of Greeley, Colo., Lodge. However, the 400 names that did fit are being read by, left to right: Stan Beson, Jaycee Paint-Up Clean-Up Committeeman; E.R. Earl Smith; Jaycee Committee Chairman Eddie Mock and Elk Trustee R. Bruce Miller. The program was held in conjunction with a Junior Chamber of Commerce Clean-Up, Paint-Up Week event. Admission to the show was a newspaper blank, signed by the parents of each child, attesting to the fact that the youngster had done some kind of clean-up work around his home, as his contribution to the program.

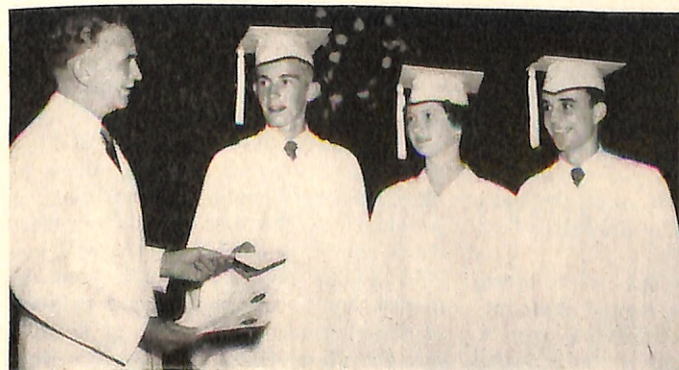
NEWS OF WESTERN LODGES



Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the Lodge Activities Committee, E.R. LeRoy Dray and D.D. Herbert Odlund, left to right, stand before a photograph of Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson at the institution of Auburn Lodge in Washington, which is the home State of the Order's 1949-50 leader whose year of office terminated last month.



"The Four Elks", a barbershop quartet of Sterling, Colo., Lodge, perform on an average of three times weekly, including appearances for the Lions, Rotary, American Legion, Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce, not to mention entertainments for hospital patients. Left to right: Art Mosley, Gordon Hall, Robert Hall, W. B. Alexander.

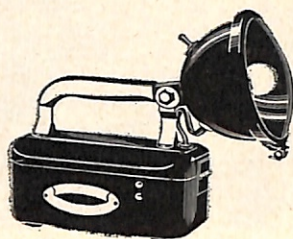


P.E.R. Chas. C. Bowie, left, presents the three annual San Benito, Tex., Elk Scholarship Awards to J. F. Gilbert (\$250); Patricia A. Erwin (\$250) and R. C. Brown (one-year college scholarship) in that order.



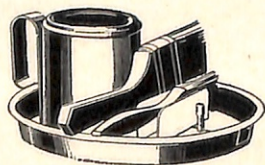
Webster City, Ia., Lodge's City Champion bowlers. Left to right, foreground: Geo. Hanson, Larry Hebbe, Capt. Boyd Weidlein; rear: P.E.R.'s W. N. Primrose, J. A. Katzer; Keith Clifton, Russell Dinsdale.

Gadgets and Gimmicks



WAIT a minute. Before you back your car out of the garage and set out for the wilderness for your two allotted weeks of freedom—and hunting, fishing, or just plain loafing—here's something to take with you. It will probably save you a great deal of fumbling around after dark. This portable electric hand lamp will light up the dimmest camping spot you could choose and can be either a spot- or spread-light at a moment's notice. Powered by one six-volt lantern battery, it has a four-inch lamp head, a parabolic reflector and a heavy convex glass lens. The lamp is weather-proof and rustproof, which should make you and your trip failure-proof.

CAR radios, for all their advantages, necessarily are difficult to keep tuned to the proper (or any) station for a reasonable length of time. Stations fade in and out, and unless you're right next door to a big city, you get very little entertainment worth mentioning. To help remedy the situation, a smart designer went to work on the car radio's antenna and came up with this neatly proportioned replacement that looks like a small television aerial. With its extra length, reception is clearer and you can pick up stations from a greater distance. Reasonably priced, it can be attached to your present aerial in less than a minute.



SINCE you've got to keep your home looking spic and span to satisfy the bank that has your mortgage, you might as well do it with as little fuss as possible. Take the problem of painting, for example. With this "painter's caddy", as it's called, you can touch up the paint job on your place, inside or out, without the usual mess and trouble. A deep metal tray with a good handle holds the paint can, and two racks in the tray hold the brushes. It's neat and workmanlike. What bank could ask for anything more?

IT'S always good to get the word from the little woman that she has a choice bit of lifting to occupy your back muscles for a few moments. It could be a trunk, a refrigerator, a stove—any little household trifle. While it may be flattering for her to think you're a Hercules, let's face it—you're not. The smart non-Hercules could rise to the occasion, whip out this leather-cased portable, folding hoist system and have the chore done in no time. With ingeniously rigged pulleys and line, it can lift approximately 500 pounds—and your back won't even notice it.



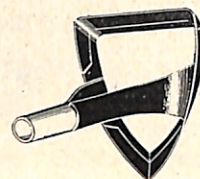
EVERY once in a while somebody comes up with a single tool that can perform a variety of jobs. Here's one that should keep all golfers happy. Small enough to fit your watchpocket it can fix ball pits on greens, act as a stymie marker, has a yardage scale for iron shots, is a shoe spike wrench, a club furrow cleaner, club grip roughener and pencil sharpener. If you can think of anything more, you've outwitted its inventor.



LOOK at the wall behind the nearest door in your rose-covered cottage. Chances are there is a dent in the wall where the doorknob has nestled when the door was thrown open. As a matter of fact, the plaster probably is chipped, but good. If you had this very inexpensive but effective door bumper you could easily save your walls, even though you slam doors around in a reckless way. The ingenuity of this device is irrefutable. Get it, remove the door hinge pin, put the door bumper atop the hinge, replace the hinge pin and there you are. With its white rubber cups it stops the door before damage is done to the wall.

THE time long since has passed when you'd think of sitting around at an outdoor meal being uncomfortable with a plate on one knee and a cup on the other. But chances are you haven't got this little item. A plastic plate with di-

visions that keep the potato salad and the barbecue sauce from running together can be placed safely on a metal ring, which in turn is attached to a long rod driven into the ground next to your seating-eating place on the ground. This way you can have both hands free to drive away insects—a full-time job.



IT IS generally assumed that gardening is a pleasure. That, according to the best authorities, is why gardens are created. However, after the first flush of enthusiasm has withered, gardening can be something less than pleasant. Apparently the inventor of this tool felt the pinch and decided to do something about the gardening chore. The implement can be used for weeding or digging furrows, for seed planting, edging a lawn or flower bed, removing weeds from sidewalk or flagstone cracks, cultivating close-planted flowers or vegetables.

NEATEST flip of the month is the latest in cigarette dispensers. It holds a whole pack of commoner-size cigarettes and all you have to do is pick it up, turn it over, the lids (two of them) fly open and there they are—the cigarettes, that is. When you have your smoke, turn the dispenser over again and the flaps will close before the cigarettes can fall out. This handsome item comes in five colors, in plain or leather-covered plastic. It has a transparent top, so the inside is visible and you won't be embarrassed by offering an empty container. Furthermore, it really works.



THE trouble with taking cold drinks out of the house for serving on the lawn or terrace is that they refuse to stay cold very long. Until now, short of using the late W. C. Fields' trick of filling a thermos with iced martinis, there has been little that could be done about the problem. A new and attractively styled drink server is available that will keep cold drinks cold for hours (and hot drinks, hot). Working on the principle of the thermos, it is made of seamless metallic alloy plastic and can be ordered in ivory, metallic silver, China red, leaf green or medium blue.



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Sluggers' Day

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played the Philadelphia Athletics in a double-header and won the second game 21-2. They scored fourteen runs in the first inning, setting a record for the number of runs tallied by a team in the first inning, and tying the record for runs scored in any inning. In baseball, records are broken down rather minutely. Every man except the Cleveland pitcher batted twice in that big frame.

But old Brer Rabbit was merely flexing the muscles in his hind legs. The Yankees and the Tigers, playing before 51,400 in Briggs Stadium in Detroit one night during the last week in June, fought out one of those bitter right-down-to-the-wire things. Detroit won, 10 to 9, on an inside-the-park homer by Hoot Evers in the ninth inning. That particular orgy of fence-busting added up to a total of eleven homers, the greatest ever scored in a major league game.

The next afternoon, the New York Giants, playing the last-place Cincinnati Reds, rapped out seven homers to equal the National League record. Three of the round-trippers were contributed by Wes Westrum, a catcher who had hit only seven in 64 games all through 1949.

But the June *danse macabre* wasn't over yet. A couple of days before the month ended, the Red Sox got together with the Athletics in Shibe Park, Philadelphia, and proceeded to give the scant crowd of 2,808 something to remember for the rest of their lives. The Red Sox won a 22-to-14 victory. If you get out your stubby pencils and logarithm tables you'll discover that there was a homer hit for just about every 77 of those unfortunates who wandered onto the premises thinking they were going to see a baseball game.

Before witnesses for the defense are permitted to take the stand, the three-in-a-row performance of Duke Snider, and the unusual circumstances attendant upon it, bear recounting. Snider is a snub-nosed young Californian with prematurely-graying temples who roams centerfield for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He struck out more times than any other National League batter in 1949, and fanned eight times in the World Series, but Branch Rickey, the Dodger prexy, will freely admit that he's the greatest thing since Ty Cobb. The minor-league woods are filled with pitchers Rickey maintained were the greatest since Cy Young and short-stops for whom he had to go all the way back to Honus Wagner to draw a parallel.

Brooklyn was playing a morning-afternoon Memorial Day double-header

with the Phillies and Duke struggled through a miserable morning. He couldn't buy a hit off either Robin Roberts or his peerless reliefer, Jim Konstanty. He came away empty-handed five times. Afterwards, when he saw what was offered for lunch in the club house between games, he didn't feel any better.

"I couldn't eat that greasy slop they brought in," recalled Snider. "I just took a big doughnut and a cup of coffee and let it go at that."

He let it go, all right. Burt Shotton, the Dodger manager, has been trying to learn the brand of that doughnut ever since. Operating on that stenographer's-lunch fare, the Duke smashed three straight homers, and missed his fourth by just about that much in the afternoon game.

He sprayed two over the right field fence off the offerings of Russ Meyer, then splashed one of Blix Donnelly's pitches into the centerfield stands. Operating against Bob Miller, the Phillies' star rookie, he drove a first-pitch on a screaming line against the fence just three or four feet from the top.

The Duke maintains that it was still rising. It ricocheted off the fence with such force that it was easy fielding pickings and the Duke couldn't get anything more substantial on it than a single.

"When will I ever get a chance to hit four homers in a row again?"

mourned the Duke between nibbles on a doughnut a month later. "What kind of pitches did I hit? The first was a screwball, the second a curve, the third another curve and the fourth a fast ball."

When you're in this thing for a living, items like that will stick in your memory.

THE star witnesses for the defense of the current major league pellet will now be permitted to take the stand. One is lugging a lot of old scoreboards of 2-1 or 3-2 pitchers' battles played this year. Another is carrying the April issue of *Popular Science*, containing a report on ball-making, under his arm.

"It says here," quotes the literary witness, "that the big-league ball is no different today, no livelier, no deader—than it was before the war. Stringent scientific manufacturing and testing methods have kept it that way."

"During the war," he continues, "the ball was a bit deader than normal, due to restrictions on the use of rubber and other materials. Since the war, however, the ball has been built to the same rigid specifications as the ones that made Babe Ruth the 'Home Run King' and Walter Johnson the dean of pitchers."

Thank you. How about that twenty-five per cent homer rise over 1949?

The second witness drops his slightly-used scorecards and grabs the arti-

Wide World Photo



A scene from a game that left spectators groggy—the 22 to 14 slugfest between the Red Sox and Athletics. Dom DiMaggio, Red Sox outfielder, crosses home plate safely—and who didn't—as Umpire Bill Grieve calls the play. The 36 runs in the game set a new record. Back in 1901 the same two teams played a 23 to 12 game. The Red Sox won that one, also.

cle from the hands of his colleague. He reads:

".... The winding (of the ball) is so important that the winding room is maintained at a constant temperature and humidity and the tension of the yarns is checked periodically with a portable tensometer. Any deviation would produce balls whose windings were not uniform. Loose windings would mean a deader ball; tight windings, a livelier ball."

Thank you. Could it be that the tensometers have gone wacky, that the balls have been wound tighter recently?

There is one significant aspect of the problem. All this merry-making didn't start until the season was more than a month old. Ball clubs usually order their season's allotment of 600 dozen baseballs in deliveries of one hundred dozen. In other words, the middle deliveries are the ones proving the malefactors.

Now let's hear from some of the boys who have waxed wroth at these shenanigans. Let's hear from Burt Shotton, a player and manager for forty years and a close student of baseball.

"This isn't a jack-rabbit ball we're playing with these days," observed genial old Burt. "It's the grandpappy of all jack rabbits. When someone gets a-hold of it and hits it real good you hear a 'click' just like when someone hits a golf ball."

SHOTTON recalls rather vividly his first experience with the lively ball. It was back in 1920 after the freak deliveries, the emery-ball, the licorice ball, the shine-ball, and the spitball, had all been outlawed.

"I was playing left field for the Cardinals when we came to New York to play the Giants," recalled Shotton. "Before the game, going after a practice fly-ball, I twisted a spike off my left shoe. I came running in to the bench looking for another shoe. I wore a size 6 in those days which was pretty small for a foot in the major leagues. There was only one other man on the club with a foot that size, Wee Willie Sherdel, a first-rate pitcher.

"Willie gave me his left shoe which had a pitcher's toe plate and I started playing. In those days they used to have a flat fire-hose painted white for a foul line at the Polo Grounds. When I went to field a ball hit behind third base, I ran into the fire hose and Willie's shoe crossed me up. I got tangled up with my own feet and I spiked myself, ripping the tendons below my left knee.

"The only reason I'm telling this story is that I was out for a month or so and when I came back it was a brand new game. They had brought in the lively ball right in the middle

THE HOME RUN TREND CONTINUES UP-P-P

	Mid-Season National League	Full Season American League Combined Total
1950	472	469
1949	412	366
1948	366	317
		1555

of the season and I had to learn how to play all over again."

Now a lot of other players are finding that they have to learn how to play all over again; that high-priced reflexes developed during a half-dozen seasons or more of professional playing just don't meet up with the jet-like standards brought in by this new ball.

An infielder feels it first. His getting to a hot grounder is just about as perfect a piece of human timing as you'll see. Now he finds himself reaching the spot where the ball should be only to discover that the ball has been there one-hundredth of a second before him.

Pitchers have been hard hit and that's not intended as a pun. It's the control pitchers, the former cream of the game, who are now cutting paper dolls between their regular pitching turns. These fellows have built their reputations on the ability to give the batter only a "piece" of the ball, usually pitching it low and away from him. Previously when a batter got his bat on only a "piece of the ball" he either popped up feebly or bounced one to the infield for an easy out or perhaps a double play.

Now a "piece of the ball" is enough to send the ball on a line into the outfield for a base hit. And anything more than that . . . well, consult the accompanying home run table. (At top of this column).

All this does away with the possibility of anything so dramatic this year as a last place-to-first place move like that made by the 1914 Braves. For one thing no second-division team of July 4, 1950 (the traditional half-way mark) has three pitchers of the stature of Dick Rudolph, George Tyler and Bill James. For another it is doubtful whether Messrs. Rudolph, Tyler and James would have stood up to the battering ram long-ball hitting of 1950. Pitching talent obviously doesn't count for as much as it used to when two clubs can score a total of twenty-one runs in the first two innings. (Boston Red Sox vs. Philadelphia Athletics, June 29).

Of course, there are situations where, lively ball or dead ball, pitching talent doesn't count for anything, but they're few and spaced far apart. The most memorable one concerns Al Schacht, now baseball's Clown



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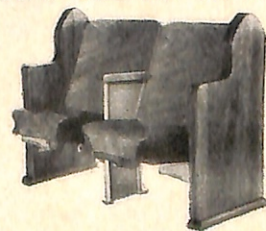
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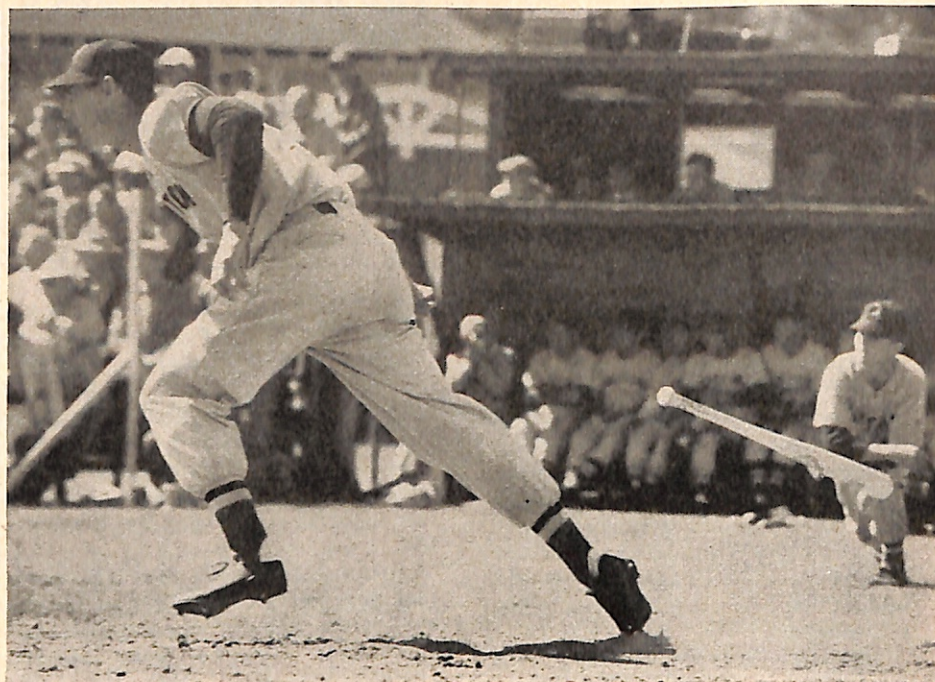


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Prince and at one time an aspiring pitcher with the Washington Senators.

Schacht aspired only about fifty per cent of the time the other fifty per cent he was content to sit back in the bull pen and let some other worthy be buffeted by fate. All this is by way of introducing Schacht's famous "hot dog" story, which has been translated into just about every language including the Kurdish.

Al was in the bull pen in Detroit one sunny afternoon, idly watching one of his colleagues attempt to hold off the Detroit Tigers. Feeling the need of nourishment, he hailed a passing vendor, made a purchase, then sat back to watch the proceedings, munching a hot dog.

He had taken one bite and a subsequent side-nibble when his colleague on the mound ran into grievous trouble, and there was a hurried call for Schacht to come in and save the day.

Al placed the remaining two-thirds of

the hot dog on the bench alongside him and picked up his glove.

"Who's coming up?" he asked.

"Cobb, Veach and Heilmann," was the answer.

"Don't no one touch that hot dog," advised Al over his shoulder, "I'll be right back!"

How long will the lively ball continue to endanger the lives of the pitchers plus the skulls of the sun-happy customers out in the bleachers? Baseball people feel that it is going to disappear as quietly as it appeared, and that the end of the season will see no more than perhaps a ten or fifteen per cent advance over the homer figures of the previous year.

That means that a lot of nice new baseballs are going to wind up as gifts to sandlot kids, or will be dumped quietly into the ocean. And that won't make anyone mad except the fellows who equalled two years' of home-run hitting during the first two months of the 1950 season.

The Speech of Acceptance

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can way of life based on a spirit of true Brotherhood and Community neighborliness. My Brothers, there is no limit to what we can accomplish!

We are going to ask each Lodge to conduct a survey to determine its community needs, such as Safety, Recreation, Health, Juvenile Delinquency, Help for the Underprivileged, with a special emphasis upon those things we can do to add to the moral, spiritual and physical development of the youth in our communities.

In the fulfillment of this program we will have the loyal and effective cooperation of our Grand Lodge Commissions and Committees.

This program of Community Service can succeed only with the enthusiastic and intelligent cooperation of you, my Brothers, the Exalted Rulers of our subordinate Lodges.

I need your help and your advice and, to obtain this grass roots cooperation, we will hold clinics in each of the 148 Districts to which you and the Secretary of

your lodge will be invited to discuss this program, and help to plan it.

The Officers of every State Association likewise will participate in these Clinics.

Certainly one of the most vital services that any Elks lodge can render to its community is to make sure that that community is made secure against attempts by subversive groups to weaken and destroy our "American Way of Life".

Elkdom always has been, and will always be, the implacable foe of communism. Our hatred of communism comes from a clear understanding of communism's evil nature and evil designs upon the liberties of men and the peace of the world.

In the early years of its rise to power in Russia, communism's propaganda succeeded in convincing some people, who should have known better, that it was a liberating force that was destined to bring peace and happiness to millions. Recent history has stripped this mask from communism, and today most of those wishful thinkers of a few years ago now recognize communism for what it was, is, and always will be—a poisonous corruption in the bloodstream of civilization.

Nevertheless, there are some who are so stupid, or venal or ambitious that they are willing to sell their country to Moscow. *We are in a fight for everything that decent people value*, and with the stakes so high, we cannot afford to be tolerant of traitors. They must be sought relentlessly, exposed and punished like any other enemy of society. Neither can we afford to tolerate those who are still so blind

that they cannot see communism for what it has proved itself to be. Anyone who persists in collaborating with communist organizations or in parroting Communist propaganda should not be surprised to find his fellow men united against him.

Elkdom will continue to be a militant, dynamic force that lives, preaches and teaches the glory of our Republic. The revolutionary spirit that proclaimed men's unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness flames *today* in the hearts of more than a million Elks. It lights the star of Fidelity that blazes above the altars of 1,568 Elk lodges throughout America. It is the spirit that urges us to go neither right nor left but to go ahead.

I DECLARE that so great is our devotion to country and its way of life, we are all determined, as one, that while there is an Elk left on this earth, our country shall never run the slightest risk of prostration beneath the trampling feet of Communism or any foreign foe. To that we cooperatively pledge.

We shall continue to cultivate the spirit of good fellowship. We shall continue to offer the helping hand. We shall instill civic pride and accept community responsibility. We shall encourage patriotism.

Bound together by these commendable purposes, our Order is destined to be a greater power for good in the world.

The responsibility for the future of our Order rests equally upon the shoulders of every individual delegate present here today.

News of the State Associations

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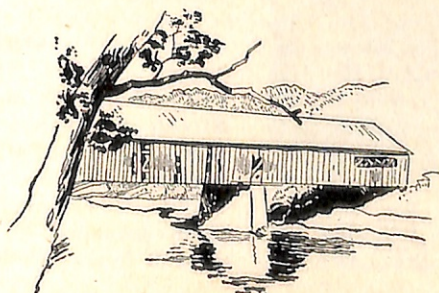
The members of Price Lodge were hosts to the 406 delegates to the Convention of the Utah State Elks Assn. June 2, 3, and 4, and its Ritualistic Team took first place in the State Contest. Among those registered were Secy. of the Board of Grand Trustees, D. E. Lambourne, Hollis B. Brewer, a member of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee, and D.D. Edward L. Vetter.

Five scholarships totaling \$950 were presented by the Assn., and a like amount donated by the lodges, in a widespread Scholarship Contest conducted during the year. For the first time in the Assn.'s history, a necrology service was held and

it was the best attended session during the three-day meeting.

The visitors enjoyed a fine show on opening night, when a mounted posse drilled, and put on various exhibitions for two hours. Immediately following this, a dance was held at the lodge home, at which Western entertainment was featured. The final social events were a ball Saturday night and a picnic on Sunday.

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DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

The "Elks Tattler", official bulletin of Detroit, Mich., Lodge, carried the following thought-provoking editorial. We reprint it for your edification.

American history books, apart from being factual, contain the stories of our heroes—those who handed down by thought, word or deed Our American Heritage. The American novel, too, has painted in bold strokes these tales of heroism, of sacrifice. And yet, read what you may and when you may, every action was prompted by motive—a desire for freedom of action, of thought, of religion, of belief.

Ethan Allan and his Green Mountain Boys are representative. The story of their exploits has been told over and over again—how a group of Vermonters were fighting for freedom and, in so doing, achieved everlasting fame. This they did at a sacrifice—a sacrifice of men's lives—but freedom was their motive.

This group of irregular soldiers captured Fort Ticonderoga at the head of Lake Champlain, an important outpost to Americans of Revolutionary Days. Led by Ethan Allan, a Colonel in the Continental Army, the surprise assault was carried out and the capture completed. It has been written that Colonel Allan claimed the Fort "in the name of God and the Continental Congress".

The success of this small group can be matched by the success of

others in our history. There was the Boston Tea Party, the Battle of San Juan Hill, Chateau-Thierry, Iwo Jima. Each is representative. Each instance portrays men fighting to uphold an ideal—an ideal that all men are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This is Our American Heritage. These are the principles for which men have fought and died. These are the rules of our democratic society and each of us in our way passes this heritage along to our children.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being a part of that society, has adopted these same principles only that we express them as Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We firmly believe in the right of a man to worship God in the manner he sees fit or, to vote for the man of his choice, or to speak freely on any topic.

Each of us strives every day to uphold these ideals. As we talk with friends, as we discuss family problems, we are striving to preserve these ideals—that all men are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

As Elks, let us continue to uphold these principles. Let us reaffirm our belief in individual effort to solve human needs. And let's do it the free way—the way exemplified in Our American Heritage—the American Way.

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Price; 3rd Vice-Pres., Wilford K. Redmond, Tintic; Secy., Dr. A. W. Olsen, Salt Lake City; Treas., Frank J. Nelson, Salt Lake City.

CONNECTICUT

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Raymond Benjamin and George I. Hall were among the 240 Elks in attendance at the 21st Annual Convention of the Conn. Elks Assn. at Hartford on June 3rd.

Three scholarships totaling \$1,800 were presented and \$1,000 was donated to Newington Home and Hospital for Crippled Children, earmarked for cerebral palsy victims. In this regard, the Association is considering the raising of \$100,000 for a wing at some hospital, to be devoted to the treatment of cerebral palsy patients.

Danbury Lodge won the Ritualistic Championship, and the following men were elected to office: Pres., Henry J.

Bergmann, Norwalk; 1st Vice-Pres., Louis I. Olmstead, Southington; 2nd Vice-Pres., Joseph Sommers, Naugatuck; Secy., Anthony F. Dascoli, Danielson; Treas., Fred J. Hennig, New Haven; Trustees: Chairman James E. Bryan, Middletown; Lawrence P. Mangan, New Britain; James A. Holmes, Southington; James T. Welch, Danbury, and Dr. Mortimer A. O'Hara, Waterbury.

Splendid addresses were made by the two former Elk leaders at a banquet at the home of the host lodge after the Convention session.

MAINE

The June 2, 3 and 4 meeting of the 21-year-old Maine State Elks Assn. took place in Rumford with 800 persons present, including many dignitaries of the Order. An extremely well-planned conclave, arranged by General Chairman John J. Koris, the three-day session was

a series of interesting events, such as a very colorful parade, witnessed by 10,000, an exciting five-mile road race in which 27 young runners participated, and a public style show.

In the parade all 14 Maine lodges were represented, with marching units, ten bands and as many floats. The Bath entry, representing the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima, took first place.

On the business side of the ledger were the election of officers, the presentation of scholarships, and the ceremony in which Senior Past Pres. C. Dwight Stevens, who later received a plaque in appreciation of all he has done for Maine Elksdom, purchased a \$1,000 Elks National Foundation Certificate from Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, on behalf of the individual Maine Elks. Foundation Chairman Malley also presented a \$300 scholarship award to Miss Fern Melanson.

Approximately 400 persons attended the Convention banquet and among those seated at the head table were Gov. and Mrs. F. G. Payne, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight Daniel E. Crowley, D.D. Lewis Fling, Past Pres. and Mrs. Leon F. Jones, N. H. State Assn. Pres. Edward Theriault, Maine State Assn. Secy.-Treas. and Mrs. Edward R. Twomey, and many others.

The State's P.E.R.'s Assn.'s Ritualistic Team won first leg on a new cup for winning the New England competition; the old cup, a three-time trophy, was taken by this team last year.

Many sports were enjoyed, including a cribbage tournament, pool tourney and golf and bowling competitions. A ball at the lodge home was the Saturday night social event.

Elected to head this enterprising Assn. for the coming year were: Pres., Dr. P. L. B. Ebbett, Houlton; 1st Vice-Pres., John J. Maloney, Jr., Lewiston; 2nd Vice-Pres., Gerard Ferland, Waterville; 3rd Vice-Pres., John McComb, Jr., Sanford; 4th Vice-Pres., John Galvin, Millinocket; Secy.-Treas., (for the 21st time) Edward R. Twomey, Portland; Trustee, three years, Alex Latno, Oldtown, and Trustee-at-Large, John J. Koris, Rumford.

MINNESOTA

One of the largest and most enthusiastic groups ever to attend a meeting of the Minnesota State Elks Assn., was on hand in Bemidji, June 8, 9, 10 and 11, for the 46th Annual Convention. Honored guests included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson who delivered the principal address at the banquet attended by more than 600 persons, and at which H. J. Erickson, Athletic Director of the Bemidji State Teachers College, was the Toastmaster. Sam Stern, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, delivered the main address at the dinner for officers of the Minnesota lodges.

The delegates decided to hold their 1951 meeting in Brainerd and elected this

NEWS OF THE LODGES

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At the gala 50th Anniversary Celebration of Vallejo, Calif., Lodge, were, left to right: Exalted Ruler and Mrs. W. G. Elliott, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Mrs. Charles T. Reynolds and Past Exalted Ruler Reynolds, Chairman of the Golden Anniversary Celebration.



Cody, Wyo., Elks officers, stand on the steps of the lodge's handsome new home with the Jack Magoon Wake Up, America Class, the largest since the Charter Member group. The class was named in honor of Jack Magoon who has served as Tiler since Cody Lodge was instituted in 1937.



One of the finest musical units in the West is this well-turned-out group of Lewiston, Idaho, bandmen. This organization conducts monthly concerts and makes numerous appearances for civic organizations. At the left is Drum Major Ed Keller; at the right is Director Lester Von Bargaen.

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Many enjoyable social functions were held during the conclave—a fish fry for over 500, with an Indian Pow-Wow presented by Red Lake Chippewa Indians, and a tour and luncheon for the ladies, were among the most notable. Minneapolis Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest over Red Wing and Hibbing Lodges, in that order, and in the outstanding parade, which marched to the hum of fighter planes roaring overhead, the judges reported the following winners: Band—Mankato Elks; Drum & Bugle Corps—Rochester Elks; Float—Cass Lake; Drum Majorette Award—Proctor Little Rose Bowl Band; Drum Major Award—St. Paul Elks Band; Best Comic Group—Minneapolis Elks' entry, and most active street group—Rochester Elks. The meeting wound up with a delicious smorgasbord at the home of the host lodge enjoyed by hundred of delegates and their ladies.

GEORGIA

Over 500 Elks and their wives converged on Savannah May 19, 20 and 21 to participate in the 49th Annual Convention of the Georgia Elks Assn. Impressive Memorial Services were held on the opening day in the First Baptist Church, with Grand Chaplain Rev. Fr. James E. King delivering the principal address.

Nine lodges vied for possession of the

J. Bush Ritualistic Trophy, with the Decatur group succeeding. The Jesse D. Jewell Golf Trophy was won by L. W. Hill of Atlanta Lodge.

Highlights of the conclave were the banquet and dance, with General Chairman Edward A. Dutton, former member of the Lodge Activities Committee, as Toastmaster. The Order's new Grand Exalted Ruler, Joseph B. Kyle, then Grand Treasurer, was the principal speaker. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland read a telegram from another former leader of the Order, Dr. Robert South Barrett, who sent a check for \$1,000 for "Aidmore", the Georgia Elks Crippled Children's Hospital.

At a luncheon held by the P.E.R.'s Assn., D.D. Homer C. Eberhardt of Valdosta was elected President and D.D. John D. Allen of Decatur was elected Secy.-Treas.

The men chosen to head the State Assn. for the following year were: Pres., Clay Davis, Dalton; Vice-Presidents: (E.) Robert E. Falligant, Savannah; (S.) David Lipsey, Thomasville; (W.) Guy Tyler, Atlanta; Secy.-Treas., R. E. Lee Reynolds, Atlanta; Chaplain, Rev. Father Joseph Driscoll, Dalton; Sgt.-at-Arms, Dr. J. F. Hines, Dalton.

Mary V. Sellers received the Association's \$300 Scholarship Award from retiring Pres. Heath Varnedoe, while the \$300 Foundation check went to D.D. Eberhardt who later presented it to the winner, Edward M. Nussbaum, at his high school commencement exercises.

The report of Secy.-Treas. Reynolds revealed that Georgia's membership was increased by 1,001 men, in addition to the 183 Charter Members of the recently instituted Covington Lodge.

The 1951 meeting will be held in Atlanta, when it is expected that the lodge's new home, now under construction, will be completed.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER



FLORIAN SLAPPEY RETURNS

One of the most famous of all fiction characters returns to *The Elks Magazine* next month after an absence of many years—the debonair colored boy from Birmingham, Octavus Roy Cohen's Florian Slappey. We ran stories about Florian several years ago and thought our readers would like to meet him again—so we asked Mr. Cohen to write a special Florian story.

Also in our September issue there will be a feature article on air travel. Stanley Woodward, recognized as a football expert, reviews the football outlook.

In the Doghouse

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under the chin in opposite directions, then back along each side of its jaw and tied around the head in back of the ears. Tearing a handkerchief into strips will do for the moment: lacking that, your belt may be long enough to serve.

The purp should be taken to a vet quickly, and it's not advisable to try to remove the shot yourself; this is a job for a skilled hand. If the dog is bleeding profusely, a tourniquet should be applied, if possible. Of course, a wound in the side cannot be treated this way; in such a case a pad of leaves or any cloth that you can find should be bound tightly to the wound. If by chance you cannot reach a vet, then permit the wound to bleed sufficiently to wash out any impurities. The hair around the edges of the wound should be clipped and the injury sterilized. At home, powdered alum or tannic acid should be used for a dressing. Boric acid is an excellent wash (a teaspoonful to a half-glass of water). Such antiseptics as lysol, iodine or creolin are effective, but are not to be used too strong. If sewing is necessary, and assuming that you cannot possibly get the dog to the vet, it should be done with thread, horsehair—or even string, should neither of the first two be available. Stitches should be individual—that is, every stitch a separate one about a half-inch apart. The needle should be sterilized first. A small part of the lower region of the wound should be left open to drain away any infection. Of course, the wound should be washed out thoroughly before sewing or bandaging. The bandage should be removed from day to day to observe progress in healing. Some dogs are adept at freeing themselves from bandages. It is best to keep such canine Houdinis muzzled and, if necessary, hobble them so they cannot use their paws to tear the bandage away. If you don't want to muzzle the dog, then fasten a wide, flat collar of heavy cardboard around its neck to prevent it from using its jaws on the bandage. Unless you're experienced in this sort of thing, no matter how well the dog seems to be getting along, it's wise to take it to a vet to have him check your emergency treatment, correct any errors and advise you regarding the dog's future care. Incidentally, when applying a tourniquet, pressure should be alternated, not continuous for a long period. As soon as the bleeding slows down, the powdered dressing should be applied, the tourniquet removed and the wound bandaged as instructed. Healing dressings found effective are ordinary starch, boric acid (dry, of course), iodine powder, zinc oxide or alum.

Broken bones are often suffered by dogs, too. Unless you know a great deal about canine anatomy never attempt to set a broken bone—or treat a fracture.

That is strictly a vet's job, preferably one who has X-ray equipment. But until you can get the dog to the doctor, see to it that it remains perfectly quiet and be very careful that, in handling him, you do not cause the dog so much pain that he'll bite you. In pain, a dog quickly reverts to the primitive and may bite the very one for whom, at any other time, it would lay down its life.

Burns or scalds are less common to dogs, but when they occur the injured part should not be washed with water, but with a mixture of equal parts of oil and lime water. A pad of absorbent cotton soaked with this should be bound to the injured area. The soaked pad should be renewed twice daily. If you prefer, your druggist can make a healing solution of picric acid, added to 100 parts water to use on the pad instead.

BY OUR standards, Fido is no gourmet in his choice of food; hence sometimes the free-running day may eat something poisonous. Very often something deadly may be palatable to animals, such as rat poisons, etc. Common poisons are arsenic, mercury, strychnine, phosphorous, carbolic acid, creosote, tar, lye, soda, caustic lime—and we can add illuminating and coal gas to this group of villains, too. If you suspect that your purp has swallowed poison in any form, get its stomach cleaned out immediately. Work as fast as you can to keep the poisons from entering the blood stream in any lethal amount. Force the dog to take an emetic, such as a teaspoonful of washing soda to a half-pint of warm water. If the soda isn't available, sulphate of copper, zinc, mustard, ordinary table salt, or even whites of eggs will do. To make the dog take the dose (as well as any other medicine) draw the loose skin away from its jaw at the back of its mouth to form a pocket, and pour the medicine into this pouch-like opening; but be sure to keep one hand clamped tightly over the dog's jaws until you see, by watching the dog's throat muscles, that it has swallowed the dose.

These are only emergency, or "field", first-aids. A poisoned dog should get the vet's quickest possible attention. Symptoms of poisoning are usually violent retching; emptying of the stomach, with traces of blood or greenish content; trembling or twitching; extreme sensitivity around the stomach or sides; swollen lips, mouth or loins; extreme thirst, and/or protracted, unaccountable yelping.

Minor injuries to the eyes call for bathing with a solution of boric acid and lukewarm water—or cool water, but never hot. Pull down the dog's lower eyelid, if that isn't injured, to allow the solution to flush the eye thoroughly. But here again, it's best to bring the dog to

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Another possible injury—but one usually incurred only by free-running, country dogs—is snake bite. Most dogs have an uncanny sense of caution when it comes to the crawling critters, but a hair-brained pup usually lacks this. If the dog has been bitten, catch him, muzzle him quickly and then, with a sharp knife or razor blade, make a criss-cross

incision over the bitten area, cutting about a half-inch each way and about a quarter-inch deep. Squeeze the cut until the blood flows freely and then apply plenty of salt to the wound. If it's on a leg, then use a tourniquet as previously directed, and again—call the vet. He may be able to give injections that might save your dog's life, but he won't be able to keep you from having a pretty sick dog on your hands.

Rod and Gun

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game fish of the three, with a vicious strike and a powerful and spectacular fight. The redbfish is a determined and dogged battler, and the sea trout, the gentlest of all, does much thrashing and rolling on the surface. In a moment after the strike it was possible to tell which of the three was hooked by his method of fighting. The robalo in these Mexican waters averaged larger than anywhere that I've heard of. Many were over 20 pounds. The largest we could land on our plug rods was 28 pounds.

In addition to these three there was an assortment of semi-tropical fish, some common and some strange, just enough variety to keep a person guessing. And there were tarpon! For the plug caster, this is the grandest game fish of all. At Eighth Pass the tarpon came through on the change of the tide. They were never early, never late and they never missed. As the tide ceased to ebb, paused momentarily at slack low water before reversing itself to flood, the tarpon appeared on the Gulf side moving leisurely through the pass into the Laguna, rolling as they came like a giant school of silvery porpoises. When the tide changed from flood to ebb, they appeared, as mysteriously as before, on the Laguna side and moved out into the Gulf.

WE ADAPTED our schedule to the tarpon's and we were ready for them. A fisherman could get one or two strikes as they moved through, and a strike alone from a tarpon is as exciting as catching many fish. Usually two or three of us would hook tarpon, momentarily at least, and the jumping, splashing, shouting and carrying-on was confusion at its worst. A man with a light plug rod doesn't often stay with a tarpon for any length of time. Almost before he can get organized, it's all over. He finds himself wondering what he did wrong that time, and his insides are tight and his hands shake as he reels in his slack line.

Occasionally someone will hook a tarpon well, fight him correctly, have all the breaks on his side and land the critter. Such a fisherman is not always to be envied. The biggest thrill with a tarpon is the enormous strike and the first few wild, breath-taking jumps. After that, it may settle down to a pretty grueling battle because a tarpon will never

give up, and he has amazing strength and endurance. That happened now and then at Eighth Pass. After the first few exciting moments when the tarpon passed through, we would indulge in more temperate fishing—except possibly for one of the crowd who would still be hooked solid to a big tarpon. It might be an hour and a half before he could relax, and then it would be a question as to who was beaten, the tarpon or the man.

Yet I suppose some people might not enjoy the fishing at Eighth Pass. They might not see any beauty in mere sand, sea and sky, and without some appreciation of the surroundings, fishing would lose much of its charm. This scene was broken only occasionally, and then by one of a small fleet of picturesque, flat-bottomed sail boats manned by Mexican fishermen. The sky was rarely anything but an unending blue. When any clouds appeared on the horizon, I welcomed them as a possible relief from the steady sun—until I was informed that the hurricane season was not far off and there was no refuge or escape from even a moderate blow at Eighth Pass.

Time doesn't stand still, even in Mexico, when there's good fishing. Before I knew it, my time was up. I couldn't wait for even one more change of the tide, but up until that moment I hadn't stopped to consider how I was going to get back to Brownsville. The fish truck which had given us our ride down was resting peacefully in salt water halfway between camp and Brownsville, so I inquired about the cub plane. It turned out that one of the Mexicans, while celebrating the necessity of not working, had imbibed a little freely from the tequila bottle and decided to fly like the birds. He got the plane off the ground without much trouble, and he got it back down again even easier, but he scattered it all over the beach in the process.

The rest of the gang were easily resigned to their fate and showed the proper spirit by relaxing and deciding to stay in Mexico and fish until transportation showed up *mañana*. They were smart.

I put a few belongings in the pockets of my dungarees and started out north through the fishing camps, stopping at tent after tent, attempting to find someone with transportation. There was a full

moon that night, and apparently that was good cause to sing and celebrate. Each time, in answer to my plea, I received virtually the same answer, "Sure, boy, sure. Have a drink."

Finally I found three fishermen with their flat-bottomed sail boat who could be persuaded to take their guitar and bottle along, and we sailed north through the phosphorescent waters of the Laguna Madre the rest of the night. The moon was full and bright, the music mellow, and it was a fine trip. I lay up forward and watched the bow of the little boat set the waters aglow as it cut into the waves. Startled fish darted out of our path, their forms outlined by the eerie glow of the water, and I tried to identify the various species by their shapes and actions. Of course, I was always right; there was no one to dispute my decisions.

At dawn we reached the head of the Laguna, moored the boat and joined three other fishermen. One had a truck to carry the boatload of fish, and two others had just sailed in from farther south and had brought a parrot from the jungles, named Perrico. Perrico was indeed a pretty parrot and there was much to do over him. We started north along the sandy beach toward Brownsville with the fish in the truck, four Mexicans in the cab, and two Mexicans, Perrico and myself, on the roof of the cab. All would go reasonably well until Perrico's proud owner would doze and lose his grip on the parrot who, although pinioned, could do a fair job of waddling and flapping along the beach. All six fishermen would immediately take out after bewildered Perrico with much shouting, yelling, jabbering and finally laughing when they cornered and recaptured him. Perrico escaped, made a run for it, and was recaptured at least

a half-dozen times, always with the same gusto and excitement.

Matamoras is the sprawling Mexican city across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, and when we arrived—the six of us, the fish and Perrico—it was less than 30 minutes until plane time. I located a taxicab, an early-vintage Model A with a very fat and smiling driver at the wheel. I explained the situation and asked him to hurry in every different way I could think of. "Sure, you in a hurry. We go faster," he would answer with a smile and a nod of the head, and the speedometer would remain at 15 miles per hour. But he was agreeable, and when we came to the customs and immigration offices he continued through at exactly the same pace, with much smiling and waving of hands to everyone concerned.

I rushed and got the plane at the last possible moment in commendable New York commuter style and got back to the office on schedule, and when I got there I wondered why. Everyone who has made a fishing trip knows he should have arrived the day before, or the week before, or the season before. That's what they always say when the fish aren't hitting. It's a rare fishing host who will admit that you have come at the supreme moment, that there has never been such fishing in the past and likely never will be again, but Hart Stilwell told me just that. I had hit it just right, and there I was in New York with nothing to do but work. Undoubtedly the tarpon were still parading through Eighth Pass on the change of the tide, and undoubtedly the rest of them were still down there breaking tackle on them and waiting for transportation *mañana*.

Go to Mexico to fish if you want, but don't try to do it in a hurry.

The Trotters Are Back

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bidding mounted to \$72,000 before an unraced yearling of particularly lofty ancestry was hammered away by the auctioneer.

Except for the similarity in the region of the pocketbook, however, harness racing bears little resemblance to thoroughbred racing, and there are several thousand prejudiced horsemen who will gladly point out the differences. What differences? Basically, the thoroughbred gallops at full speed saddled with a burden somewhat lighter than what his country cousin pulls along behind at a haughty, calculated trot. A hypersensitive animal of classic proportions, the saddle horse runs relatively short distances at high speeds with a pinch-faced gnome of a rider clinging to its back, while the slower, stronger, more amiable harness horse travels at three-quarter speeds with its driver hunched in a low wicker seat in a cut-down, rubber-tired

sulky hitched up with light, wooden \$300 shafts.

Nobody knows better than Woody Thompson, an official with the United States Trotting Association, why a comparable intramural contrast within the harness family itself frequently confuses fans attending the races for the first time. "Harness horses are either trotters or pacers," Thompson always explains, "and it's strictly a matter of choreography separating the two. The trotter moves at a cross-footed gait, his left rear and right front feet hitting the ground at the same time, and vice versa. Pacers are more orthodox. Both their left feet reach ahead, hit the track together and lift behind, and so do their right hooves." (The basic difference in the gaits is illustrated in the photographs of Greyhound and Billy Direct on page 5.

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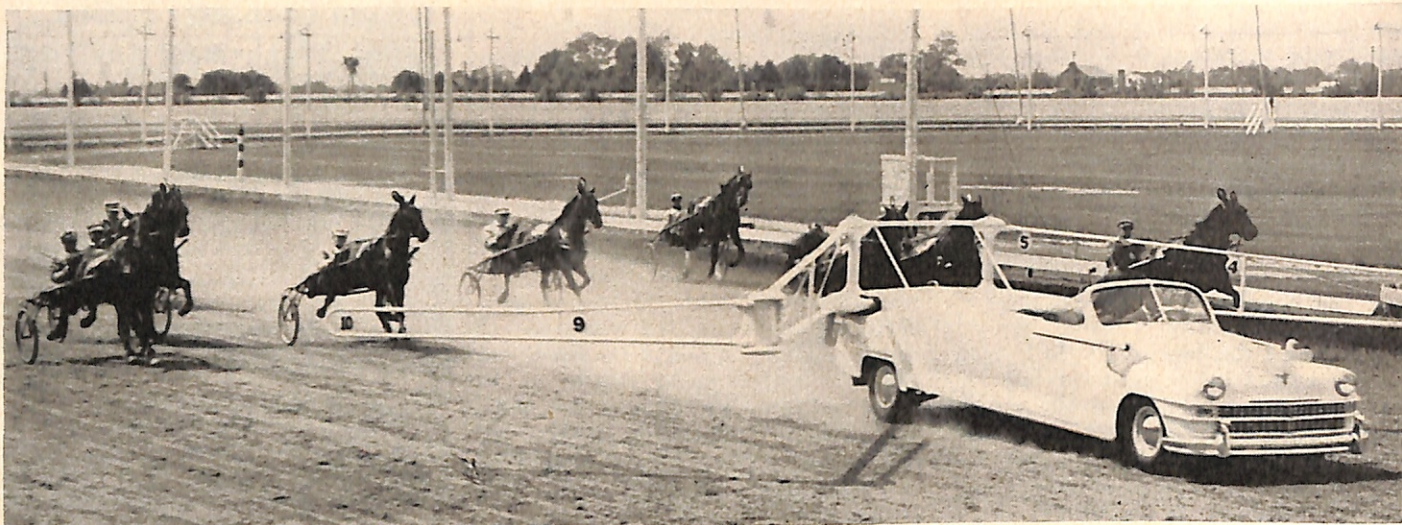
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into the sort of commercial enterprise found at 700 different tracks and fair grounds today is the startling consistency of these horses. Speeds seldom vary. Fans who enjoy making a bet, therefore, get a good run for their money by consulting form-charts telling the time it takes a particular horse to roll his sulky around the track. A thumping testimonial to this consistency was offered at the Hambletonian in 1945 when everyone rated Titan Hanover such an overwhelming favorite to win, because of his stunning past performances, that track officials ruled out all betting on the small bay stallion. He promptly defeated the largest field in history without working up a good sweat.

The behavior pattern is so pronounced that drivers plot their races to the last split-second beforehand, changing speeds with the touch of a whip or a jerk on the reins at the quarter poles after they glance at the stopwatches they always carry. Like Paavo Nurmi, the old Finnish footracing champ who consulted a watch while he ran, harness drivers use the hands of the stopwatch—and a knowledge of how fast their entries raced during workouts—to determine actual racing speed.

Occasionally harness drivers blame their defeats on a faulty timepiece in the same way a jockey charges his loss to a broken stirrup or a loose cinchband. When Rodney, a big brown stallion, missed his try at a new world's record for stallions two years ago by only three-hundredths of a second, the failure was blamed on neither the horse nor the driver. The real culprit was the stopwatch. The watch lost several strides in the first quarter and limped badly all the way up the homestretch to the finish line, throwing out the driver's timing of the horse.

Down through the years the stopwatch has had an entirely different sort of ap-

peal to sports devotees. Track and field fans speculate on the chances for some kid in underdrawers racing a mile in four minutes flat, or sprinting 100 yards in nine seconds or less, and followers of harness-horse racing for a hundred years have viewed the performances of horses of extreme speed against the background of the sweep hands of a watch. When Sunol, a big bay five-year-old filly, trotted the mile at Stockton, Calif., in the unheard of time of 2:08½ in the year 1891, fans gasped and told one another they'd never see anything like it again. Yet the following season at Terre Haute, Ind., Nancy Hanks, a handsome brown mare, broke 2:05 for the first time, and any radical who wondered aloud if perhaps at some

dim date in the future a harness horse would trot the distance in two minutes was regarded with considerate indulgence by all the neighbors. Learned and lengthy treatises appeared in the racing papers explaining why there never would be a two-minute trotter. The peak had been reached, seemingly.

Then in 1903 Millard Sanders, riding behind Lou Dillon at Readville, Mass., raised his long whip and urgently flogged the mare across the shoulders as she came up the backstretch. Two minutes flat! Just two months later the chestnut mare clipped her own mark in Memphis, Tenn., whirling the mile in 1:58½. A methodical attempt to reach the next time level—1:55—had begun.

In the 47 years since then, no trotter yet has succeeded and, to hear some fairly successful horsemen tell it, none of them ever will, but Greyhound, a light gelding with a dark mane owned by Col. E. J. Baker of St. Charles, Ill., missed by only a sneeze in 1938. His trotting record of 1:55¼ still stands, although the light-harness record (1:55) currently is held by the pacer, Billy Direct.

It may be years before the magical cross in standardbred bloodlines produces a wonder horse capable of beating Greyhound's trotting record. Although almost all the racing stock can somehow be traced back to Hambletonian, an ardent trotter who fathered about 1500 foals before he died 74 years ago, most of the famous winners today were actually sired by expensive stallions such as Volomite or Peter Volo. Along with careful breeding programs, conducted at large establishments like the Hanover Shoe Farm, a lush 2000-acre farm rolling up and down the rich Pennsylvania countryside, a new record comes a little closer each time a faster racing strip is laid out or slight refinements put a bit more hustle in the sulkies.

Wide World



If amateur owner-driver Harrison Hoyt looks at Demon Hanover fondly and proudly, nothing could be more understandable. Picked up at auction by Hoyt for a modest \$2,600, Demon won the 1948 Hambletonian for his owner, making Harrison Hoyt the first amateur to take the Kentucky Derby of harness racing—and it wasn't even close.

Exactly how the old informal rural frolics developed into a wide-open modern sport followed by seven million fans a season is an inspiring saga assisted by philanthropy, some eagle-eyed promotion and a crate of electric light bulbs. The whole process was home-grown.

For many years, as Americans relied on harness horses for their transportation, neighborhood competition cropped out of the provincial boasts made by different owners. At times men who owned fast harness stock traveled to nearby towns for road races supported by lively man-to-man betting. Until shortly before the Civil War, though, there was no trace of any real organization behind these hit-or-miss road races. Finally, after considerable wrangling with the thoroughbred people who peered down their blue noses at harness horsemen, the trotters were handed the dignity of a real race-track for the first time in Lexington, Kentucky. It was a hoofbeat in the right direction.

The sport developed slowly after the Civil War, providing popular amusement for thousands of fans in the East, the South and the Middle West. Drivers took to dressing in gay silk monkey suits; inflated rubber tires replaced flat metal wheels, and by the 1880's and '90's harness racing was a nation-wide enthusiasm, with men such as Leland Stanford breeding and racing stock valued upwards of \$100,000. Maude S., Cresceus, Jay-Eye-See and other horses of that caliber were household bywords and they toured the country, trotting not only in competition but against time at local fairs and race courses. At the beginning of the Twentieth Century it looked as though harness racing might apply the same effective armlock on the spectator that dollar baseball and prizefighting already had.

But along came a young fellow named Henry Ford. His tin lizzie was a grim spectre for the harness racing interests. The death scene itself was long drawn-out, lasting nearly 30 years, but as autos drove more and more buggies off the road and into Americana, racing lost almost all of its powerful supply line—the breeding farms. Men who raised harness horses bleakly watched the automobile ruin their market and then quietly stepped into other businesses.

America's great highway building program in the 1920's almost completed the rout. Instead of horse and buggy teams, cars steamed down the new roadways and, one after the other, most of the tracks shut down. A few promoters squeezed dollars out of the old chestnut. "If you can't beat 'em, then join 'em" by reopening some of the tracks later for auto racing.

Then when the harness horse was all but extinct, the sport received a financial shot from several wealthy sportsmen who enjoyed driving their own teams in small races. By far the largest contributor was E. Roland Harriman, who in-

cluded trotting races among his many trained zeals, and he staked the official Trotting Register, rehabilitated small Historic Park in Goshen, N. Y., and sweetened purse prizes at what few tracks remained open. A tiny flicker remained.

The current bonanza began with an enlightening experiment conducted in Westbury, Long Island, in 1940. Having read with a certain envy how popular night baseball and football had become, a group of visionaries collected the necessary capital and built a well-lighted track for evening racing. When the lights went on for the first time the successful formula for modern harness racing emerged.

WHILE Roosevelt was forced to cancel all its meetings that first week because of the old bane of the sports promoter, bad weather, it could not have rained at a more convenient time. Ten years ago respectable buggy horses were almost as commonplace as ambidextrous two-toed sloths, and track officials had neglected to fill the barns with sufficient entries for the eight-race-per-day cards. Given a few days' grace by the rain, talent scouts hurriedly beat through farmland all over the Nation, looking over all the livestock they could and then shipping the best of it east to Long Island. By the time dry weather officially opened the big whitewashed gates for the first time, several hundred displaced nags were chomping hay in the stable area and wondering what the excitement was all about.

How desperate the panicky search for horseflesh had been was revealed the afternoon one of these noble conscripted beasts dropped dead in its tracks just short of the finish line. Old age, someone said.

Although Roosevelt did not show a profit until 1943, its cure-all of night lighting as the tonic for ailments that had troubled the sport for 20 years was accepted with thankful glee by racing people in other parts of the country. Crowds started to return.

But before harness racing was completely dressed up for the average fan, a bungling system for starting the races had to be scrapped. For years horses simply had lined up a few hundred yards back of the starting mark, hurried into their trots and crossed the line slightly behind one pole horse. At least everyone hoped so. Too often one eager animal nosed ahead of the pole horse as they crossed the starting line and the whole thing was called back and run over. All the time spectators yawned, as the horses "scored" as many as 16 times.

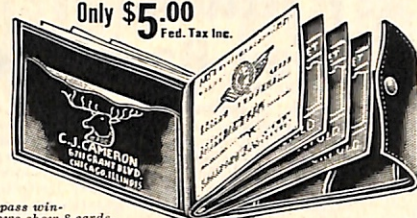
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track and the trotters broke evenly. "Funny thing," mused one driver. "The auto practically put us out of business. Now it comes back fitted with the starting gate that helped our comeback."

After that it was only a question of building more tracks. Caught in the golden glitter of the trots were hundreds of small parks and fair ground courses. Small towns like Northville, Mich.; Batavia, N.Y.; Harrington, Dela.; Marion, Ohio; Oxon Hill, Md., and Collinsville, Ill., discovered the old rural sport had become big box-office. They surrounded box offices with mile or half-mile racing strips. In my own home town of Aurora, Ill., harness races are run on an old skeleton of a track that the thoroughbreds ran right into bankruptcy. Out there last Christmas, a former classmate casually mentioned buying two harness horses for \$2,600 one week and selling them eight days later for \$3,900. He ordered himself some hay and went into business.

At the same time, the Grand Circuit, traditionally the backbone of the whole sport, added to all the fun by increasing the value and number of stake races it underwrites at a handful of America's leading tracks. Any track honored with two or three Grand Circuit dates is in much the same position as winning a spot on the Notre Dame football schedule: the competition is the best, and they play before large crowds for good money. Of all the hundreds of licensed drivers and thousands of harness horses, only about 50 drivers and 400 horses are known as Grand Circuit competitors. They follow the schedule from track to track every season, traveling all the way from Santa Anita, Calif., to Roosevelt Raceway on Long Island, shooting for \$2 million in prize money the Grand Circuit has spread around the country.

This colossal new growth also has carried with it fresh responsibilities. Thieves with a pronounced predilection for making their horses run a little faster than Nature intended—by stimulating them with drugs or electric batteries—showed that the sport had a seamy side, too, and an alert protective bureau was organized to keep the con men away. Whenever they can, the investigators throw offenders out the back gate with absolutely no fanfare.

Since a touch of larceny makes for interesting conversation, however, the determined efforts for discretion backfire occasionally with loud and painful bangs. Not many seasons ago the judge at a country track called over the public address system and ordered one suspicious buggy lining up for a race over to the side of the track. Then he paged the track electrician, asking him to look through the buggy carefully. He didn't mention the fact that he believed a battery was hidden somewhere in the sulky so the horse could be given a raw and illegal jolt of speed when he moved up the backstretch. A few moments later

the judge almost swallowed his cigar when the electrician, stepping away from the sulky, cupped his hands and roared triumphantly, "Yup, got a battery hid right here under the seat." The judge's eardrums were functioning no worse than those of several thousand disillusioned spectators.

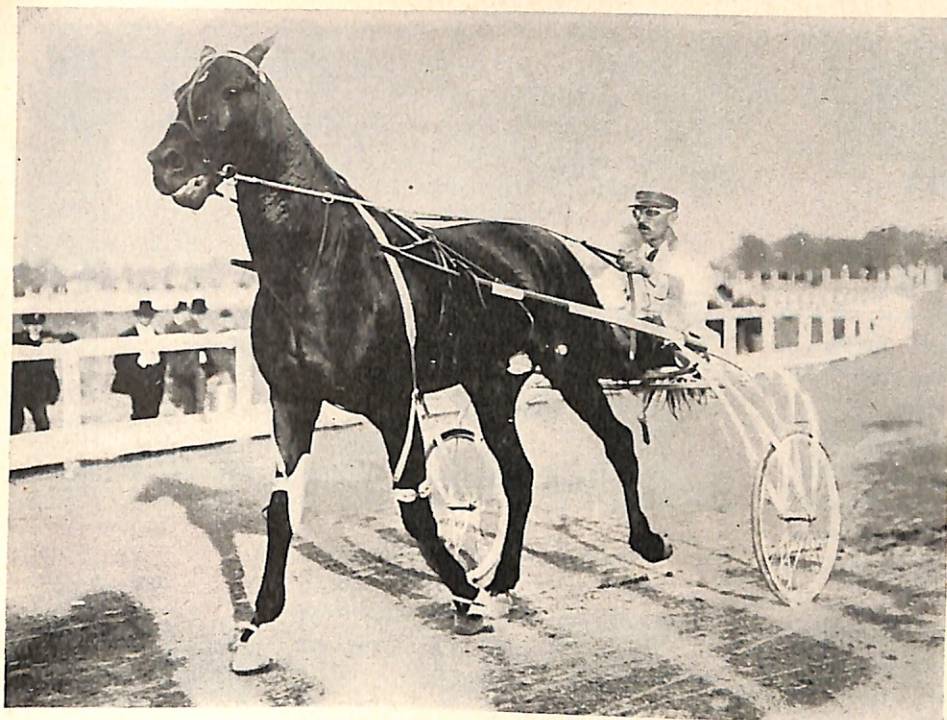
One phase of the game which trotting officials make no effort to censor are the eye-opening statistics of the big money awaiting ambitious young drivers. Several veterans pull down anywhere from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a season, and so it is not surprising that hard-working farmers, who in an earlier day might have delivered stern lectures to sons who raced the family buggy down side roads at milking time, have changed their tunes. Rather than dourly prophesying how these ne'er-do-wells will trade their overalls for mail-order suits, hundreds of farm fathers chase the kids right out of the dairy barn today with pointed suggestions that they'd better practice driving a trotter and pick up some of the loose money.

ALTHOUGH most of the leading drivers at the start of the current boom were old gaffers who learned to handle the reins when the horse and buggy were used for transportation, the lure of the sport has attracted a number of gifted youngsters, such as 23-year-old Stanley Dancer, one of the most successful drivers in the country this season.

Many of these recent converts knew a lot more about an auto clutch than they did a long-handled sulky whip the first time they went to the races. And the biggest bumpkin of all may well have been Harrison Hoyt, an affable hat manufacturer from Bethel, Conn., who became an addict the day he noticed Lewis Cobb, a road horse he had bought strictly for his own diversion, wheeling along ahead of his buggy at a smooth trot.

For the next month Hoyt worked Cobb up and down the country roads near Bethel at a stiff trotting pace. Then he entered him in a race at Freehold, N.J. It was the first competition for either the horse or his owner. Through some lurch of logic the young manufacturer watched rival drivers warm up their own animals without really noticing that they ran them only short distances at low speeds. He decided to give Lewis Cobb a nice long, fast workout before the race. By the time the race finally began Cobb was so winded he could barely last the route, and finished far back.

But Hoyt liked what he had seen, even from so far behind. Two years later, at the yearling sales in Harrisburg, Pa., he paid \$2,600 for an untested youngster offered for sale by the famous Hanover Shoe Farm. While it looked as though the horse might develop into a fair trotter with the proper schooling, Hoyt saw little sense in nominating him for the 1948 Hambletonian Classic by sending



Pacing champion Dan Patch was the one-horse bonanza of light-harness racing history, earning \$3,000,000 for his owner in exhibitions and races. In 1905, Dan Patch paced a mile in the phenomenal time of 1:55 1/4, setting a record that stood for 33 years.

in the \$200 initiation fee all dreamy owners are required to advance on behalf of their yearlings two years before they qualify for the three-year-old sulky derby.

"I turned it over in my mind, then put the check in an envelope and dropped it in the mail quickly before I had a chance to reconsider," Hoyt now recalls rather wonderingly. "I figured it would be better to wish I hadn't than be sorry I hadn't."

A few weeks before the 1948 Hambletonian Hoyt's inexpensive purchase, Demon Hanover, had amassed \$18,000 in prize money at various races and was being talked up as the favorite for the big race. At the time, though, a number of experienced horsemen criticized the young owner's decision to train and drive Demon himself rather than hire one of the old pros for the job. Hanover Farms, anxious for the prestige as well as the cash prize that went with winning, offered Hoyt \$75,000 for his horse so they could plan proper training and hire an experienced driver. He turned it down without blinking an eye.

Then, on the 11th of August, wearing his maroon and green silks, Harrison Hoyt wheeled across the finish line to become the first amateur owner-driver in history to win the Hambletonian.

Since Hoyt had paid a mere \$2,600 for Demon Hanover, his glittering bargain is cited constantly by hustlers auctioning off yearlings at the annual sales. There is, of course, absolutely no way of predicting whether a high-priced young trotter will even win enough races to pay the feed bills. But most of the time, horsemen who boost the bids on appealing year-olds are sustained spiritually by the remote possibility that they

might be buying another Dan Patch.

A big, brown, Indiana-bred pacer, Dan Patch broke the world's mile record on four different occasions around the turn of the century and, although almost all his marks at various distances have since been brushed aside by swifter standard-breds, at least one of them probably will remain forever. No other horse of any pedigree ever collected the staggering sum of \$3 million. Dan won that amount at the races, exhibitions and for permitting manufacturers of chewing tobacco, cigars, horse feeds, buggies and other assorted merchandise to use his name for their products. Eventually these earnings bankrolled one of the most preposterous business gambles in American history. Plainly touched with delusions of grandeur because of all the money pouring in, Patch's owner, W. R. Savage, decided to found a mail-order house to compete with Sears-Roebuck. Sears won in a breeze.

A few weeks ago a few of the old timers sitting around a barn behind the Yonkers Raceway rolled back the years and started to talk reverently of old Dan Patch. Knocking his pipe against a hob-nailed boot, a thin, white-haired stable-hand pointed out that Savage would have no temptation to wander away from the track these days.

"If only he was racing the big chestnut today," the swipe began. "Prize money in his time didn't amount to much, but look at the stakes he could collect at the tracks today. Why, old Savage wouldn't have to compete with any mail-order house on the side. Just feather-footing around the ring, Dan Patch would win him more money than the Sears-Roebuck boys got."

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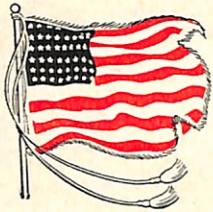
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The desperate struggle of American troops to hurl back the communist invaders of the Republic of Korea threw a somber shadow over the 86th Grand Lodge in Miami in July.

There were prayers for those who have formed of their bodies a dike against brutal aggression, and there was hope that their sacrifices in combat would avert a holocaust. There also was grim determination that the Elks again would be ready to defend America should our country call.

With a roar of applause, the delegates rose to their feet and gave unanimous approval to the resolution authorizing the Board of Grand Trustees to levy an assessment of one dollar per year, per member, to be expended under the direction of the Elks National Service Commission, for national defense and the welfare of the nation "if occasion requires".

The Elks are ready.

OUR NEW GRAND EXALTED RULER



Down through the years, each of the men who have led Elkdom has contributed of his individual talents, his personality and his background to the growth and development of the

Order. Elkdom is by far the richer for this great variety of ideas, interests and points of view which succeeding Grand Exalted Rulers have brought to their office. In Joseph B. Kyle we have another leader in that great tradition. He offered but the broad outlines of his program in his acceptance speech following his election at Miami, but they were eloquent of a depth and breadth of vision.

There's one thing that our new leader has in common with his predecessors—a record of long and devoted service to Elkdom. Initiated into Whiting, Ind., Lodge No. 1273, in 1924, Brother Kyle dimitted to Gary Lodge, No. 1152, in 1926 and since then he has been active in local, state and national Elk affairs. He was elected Exalted Ruler of Gary Lodge in 1934. From 1936 to 1949 he was a Trustee of his lodge. Vice-President of his State Association in 1937, he reached the presidency in 1941. Under his indefatigable leadership, for the first time every lodge in the state became affiliated with the Association.

In 1935, Brother Kyle's able and faithful stewardship brought him recognition beyond his home state; and he was elected Grand Tiler. In the two years following he served as Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, which, for the first

time, established an Association in every state. Then came five years on the Board of Grand Trustees, service as Director and Housing Chairman of the War Conference in Chicago in 1944, and appointment as Grand Esquire in 1945. The following year he was Director of the Committee for the Rededication of the National Memorial in Chicago. Since 1947, Brother Kyle has ably discharged the duties of Grand Treasurer. As Special District Deputy to several Grand Exalted Rulers, he displayed great abilities. He is thoroughly grounded in the affairs of the Order. Gracious and warm, he is eager to give of his great energies and abilities.

PATTERN FOR THINKING

Quite aside from the international situation, things generally appear to be in a condition serious enough to warrant thoughtful attention.



A Chicago gynecologist and a San Francisco endocrinologist contend, according to a leading news weekly, that three out of every four American women are, in one respect, emotionally maladjusted. A New York City police official, directing attention to five teen-age girl gangs and 108 boy mobs, observes, in the local press: "Society has missed the boat somewhere along the line. We used to play with broomsticks, and now they all want to play with guns." Adult men as a class seem to be ignored, but no one studying their stern expressions as they speed by a busy corner would regard most of them as free from entanglements in the silken web of life in a great and busy country.

If everything thus presented is to be taken at face value, it occurs to us that, since we apparently have veered from our course, we might very well take time out for soundings on a mental holiday. Let us forget, for as much of the month of August as we can, some of the grim excitement of present-day living, and substitute phases more fundamental and beautiful. For worries about sanity and physical debilities, for horror stories, strife in home or shop, and such messages as are designed to stir masses but have shattering impact on sensitive individuals, let us get out under God's blue canopy as often as possible to enjoy a ball game, a cool stream, a family picnic, the mountains, the seashore, the lakes, fishing, swimming, golf. . . . and a consideration of the greater scheme of things.

Following such an August vacation we will turn fresh attention and vigor to the job of exemplifying American life as it is practiced in our Order, by promoting good family and community life, by sponsoring wholesome youth activities, by imparting constructive beneficences that form the backbone of our human relationships, and by keeping ourselves fit to do our part in sustaining our country in any crisis that may develop.

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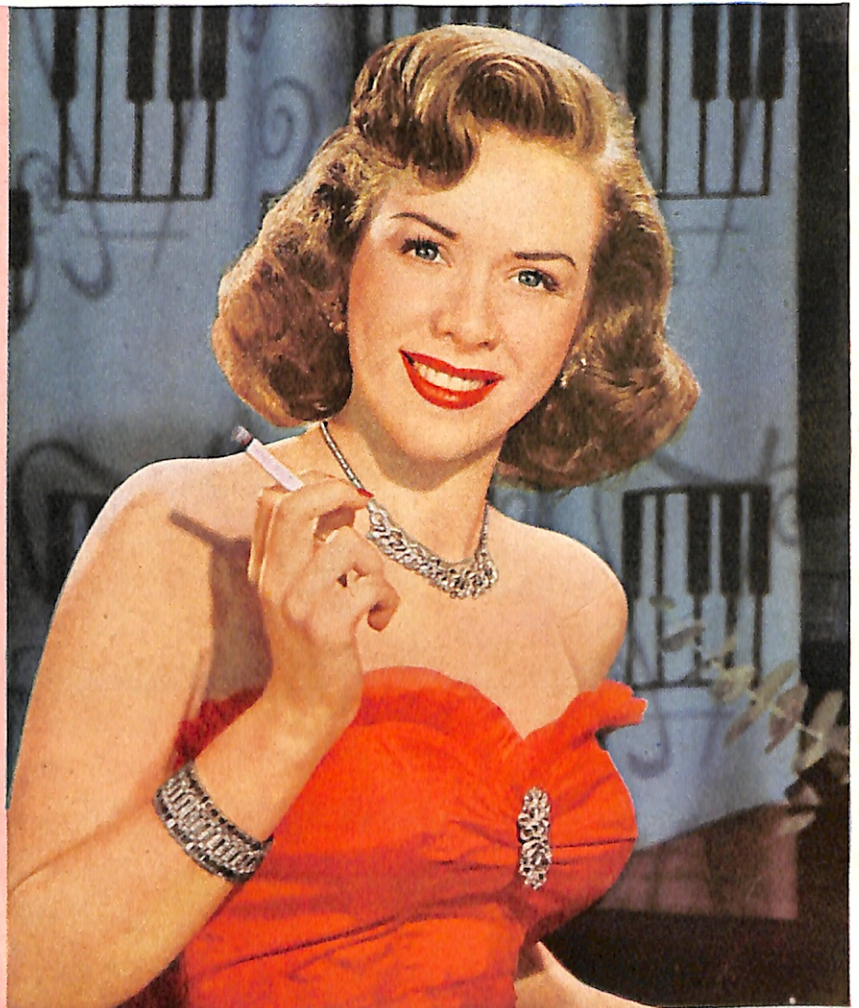


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